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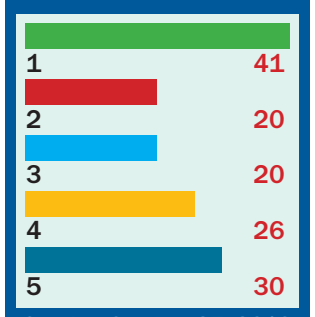

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Saipan Southern High School's Paul Miura poses with his wife after winning the 2014 Teacher of the Year award. MARK RABAGO

Saipan Southern doubles up in Education Day wins

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» Miura is teacher of the year; Basa is instructor of the year

Saipan Southern High School got a double dose of victory in Friday's Education Day celebrations at the Hopwood Junior High School after Paul Miura and Richard Basa won the 2014 Teacher of the Year and 2014 Instructor of the Year awards, respectively.

Oleai Elementary School's Koniko Nakazato got the nod for 2014 State Teacher Aide of the Year.

All three said the award came as a big surprise.

"I'm deeply humbled and honored for this award and that I'm able to represent the teachers at PSS," said Miura, who teaches sophomore, junior, and senior students at Saipan Southern.

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2013 PINKTOBER HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Commonwealth Cancer Association program director Juan L. Babauta, left, and breast cancer survivor Anicia Tomokane, right, lead a candlelight ceremony late Friday night at Hard Rock Café, one of the highlights of CCA's signature Pinktober fundraiser concert that also drums up community awareness about breast cancer.

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Manalo wins Las Vegas Night grand prize

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Manalo

Maria Racquel Manalo, a 49-year-old owner of a fish stand in Oleai, lived up to her name by winning the grand prize in Saturday night's 2013 Las Vegas Night at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Manalo's ticket number "0597" was picked by Rotary Club of Saipan president Laila Y. Boyer

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Comments sought on military plan to expand activities

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Increased levels of weapons use on Farallon de Medinilla, amphibious vehicle landing exercises on three Tinian beaches, and training at Marpi on Saipan and at Rota's airport are just a few of the U.S. military's latest proposed activities within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing study area, and the community

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Tourism summit all set Wednesday

Registration has maxed out for the Marianas Tourism Education Council tourism summit this week, with over 350 students signed up. Due to popular demand among the schools to send students to the MTEC/MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Tourism Summit more slots were opened—and immediately filled—last week.

"We are ecstatic about the enthusiastic support we are receiving from the schools and students about the summit," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "And thanks to the support of Saipan World Resort, we were able to open another 80 slots to accommodate more students who are interested in learning more about the industry and how they can get informed about the various careers within the hospitality industry."

This year's summit will be held on Oct. 30, 2013, at Saipan World Resort with the theme "Tourism is Everybody's Business 24/7 in the 670." The summit aims to educate students on the Northern Marianas Tourism industry and engage their active participation in tourism.

Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association president Mary T. Rhodes will be the keynote speaker. DOCOMO Pacific general manager James Nelson will make opening remarks and present the proceeds of the DOCOMO Pacific golf fundraising tournament to MTEC.

Students will then break into groups to address questions such as: 1) Our waters/reefs are one of our greatest treasures, so what can we do to encourage our citizens to preserve them?; 2) What are some ideas for the government and the community to keep people safe?, 3) What would you do to promote island culture?, and more. The winners of the MTEC essay contest "Tourism is Everybody's Business 24/7 in the 670" will also be announced. ***(MTEC)***

Wuhan TV station turns travel eye to NMI

China's Wuhan TV Station turned its travel eye to the Northern Mariana Islands this month with a production team visit to Saipan and Tinian.

Wuhan TV's "You You Tian Xia" (Around the World) program taped a 30-minute program on Saipan and Tinian to air to its 2 million viewers. "You You Tian Xia" is a travel show with knowledgeable, informative and entertaining significance, targeting travel lovers and travel agents.

The FAM(iliarization) tour began Oct. 14, 2013, in Saipan, where the media group covered many of the major attractions of the islands, including the most popular scenic and historic sites of Bird Island Lookout, Banzai Cliff, Last Command Post, and Grotto. The group also took a jungle tour, a sunset dinner cruise, and a submarine tour. Shopping options were explored at DFS Galleria, and water sports at the iconic Managaha were enjoyed, including banana boating, snorkeling, and parasailing.

After a short flight to Tinian, the group conducted an island tour, filmed at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, and spent time exploring the island's other attractions.

"As we see in continued visitor arrivals growth from China, word is getting out in the market about the convenience and beauty of spending a holiday in the Northern Mariana Islands," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "Visitors from China are in important and growing part of the Northern Marianas' economic recovery and industry health."

The estimated ad exposure value of the program is $16,340. ***(MVA)***

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Ex-DC lobbyist: Pagan 'lynchpin' to Guam buildup

GUAM (Pacific News Center)—Former D.C. lobbyist Juan Carlos Benitez spoke to the Rotary Club of Guam on Thursday about the Guam U.S. Asia Strategic Alliance conference, or GUASA, on the Guam buildup.

Benitez explained that GUASA felt it was necessary to hold the conference in order to educate those on Capitol Hill about why Guam is important strategically and why Guam needs funding for the buildup.

"When you go to Capitol Hill they keep saying that the governor of Guam, the congresswoman of Guam, the congressman of the Northern Mariana islands, the governor of the Northern Mariana islands keep asking for all of this money to be released to Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands because they're indispensable to the U.S. Well, I come from Mississippi and I can tell you Mississippi is indispensable for the U.S. defense and I can justify money coming to me. So, we needed somebody else that was a third-party, third objective party, to actually come in and start explaining to people in Congress that it's not just what we think of our role in national security but it is what the national renown and known experts think of the role that this region plays in national security for the United States," said Benitez.

Benitez says that they then tracked down some of the highest profile security experts for the region to bring to the conference so that they could see Guam firsthand for themselves.

While Guam is being touted as strategically important, Benitez says most national security experts agree that the bases in other areas of Asia like Okinawa and Korea provide greater reach than Guam does.

However, Benitez says Guam is advantageous for two reasons. First it is sovereign U.S. soil, which means that the U.S. would not need to seek permission from any foreign government if an attack was launched from Guam. The second is that all fuel that is imported into Asia passes through Guam's military sphere of influence.

"All fuel routes to Asia and China imports 85 percent of its fuel...would pass through our circle so we basically could eliminate any fuel supply into Asian countries just because that's how the fuel lines run," said Benitez.

While the Record of Decision for the Guam marine relocation is not due until 2015, Benitez pointed out to Rotarians that there are actually five other environmental impact statements for things like the use of other islands in Micronesia as well as the Northern Mariana islands of Tinian and Pagan.

"A lot of people are wondering why is Pagan is so indispensable for this buildup as we move forward. It is a key lynchpin to this entire buildup because you need to train your troops and live fire training and combined live fire training is almost not available anywhere else in the United States anymore and what we mean by combined live fire ranges is you get your troops to land on shore, you get your pilots to be carrying live ammunition, you get your ships to be bombing from ships using their bigger cannons. So that pilot is feeling for the first time the earth fall hitting his plate from underneath when he has a live bomb under there it's not a dud, its not practicing, its not a computer game," said Benitez.

The former D.C. lobbyist says that Pagan is the only island in the Marianas that the military can use for amphibious landings because it is the only one without a reef.

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Military training on FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Oct. 28 from 11am to 11:55pm
- Oct. 29 from 10am to 6pm
- Oct. 30 from 10am to 11:55pm
- Oct. 31 from 10am to 6pm
- Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 from 6:30-9pm

The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Oct. 30, from 8am to 4pm.

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

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has only until Nov. 12 to comment on a draft study on these activities' potential environmental impacts.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider are urging the public to review the U.S. Navy's draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement on the MITT study area, and submit their comments on it.

"We would like to hear from the community about any concerns or worries they might have related to the potential environmental impacts of these new military activities proposed in the CNMI," the governor said in a statement.

The draft EIS is available for download at http://mitt-eis.com.

Comments can be submitted via the website, at public meetings that will be rescheduled, or mailed to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Att. MITT EIS/OEIS Project-Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134.

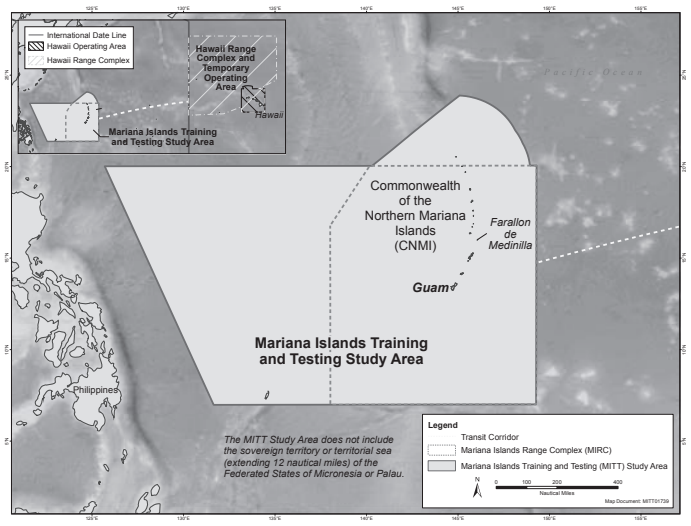
All comments are due on Nov. 12, 2013.

The proposed MITT activities include increasing the size of the current military range of operations area to the north and west boundaries of the existing Mariana Islands Range Complex.

Sea-based activities in and around the CNMI include sonar, torpedo, and missile testing.

Land-based activities in the CNMI include amphibious vehicle landing exercises at Unai Chulu, Unai Babui, and Unai Dankulo beaches on Tinian, training activities at the Saipan Marpi Maneuver Area and the Rota International Airport.

Also proposed are increased levels of ordnance or weapons use at FDM, which is home to several seabird nesting colonies, including the largest Masked Booby nesting site and one of only two nesting sites of the Great Frigate bird in the Marianas. Two endangered species—the Micronesian megapode and Marianas fruit bat—are also found on FDM.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This comes a few months after Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios sent a memo to the governor stating that the U.S. Navy's proposal to increase restricted areas surrounding FDM can only be an indication of significant increase in bombings "that will destroy the island and its surrounding reefs."

Palacios questions the military's finding that the proposed expansion of danger zones and restricted space surrounding FDM pose "no significant impact" on the environment and economy.

He said these findings are "incorrect" and "simply false."

Under the draft EIS, the Navy proposes to increase the number of small-caliber rounds used on FDM from 2,900 to 42,000, and the number of missiles and rockets from 60 to 2,085.

It also proposes to increase the number of grenades and mortars from 100 to 600; the number of large-caliber projectiles from 1,000 to 1,200; and the number of bombs up to 2,000 lbs in size from 2,150 to 6,241 bombs.

The draft EIS also says that an "Mk 84" 2000-lb bomb can kill or injure wildlife and disturb vegetation across a 60-acre area.

FDM is the only area in the CNMI that the U.S. military uses for live fire training since 1976, pursuant to a lease agreement between the U.S. and CNMI governments. The lease is for 50 years with a possible 50-year extension.

The Inos administration said the draft EIS addresses potential environmental effects of these proposed activities on Saipan, Tinian, Rota, FDM, and the surrounding waters.

These effects may include erosion of lands and subsequent sedimentation of reef systems, contamination of freshwater and marine water, air pollution, effects on fish populations, essential fish habitat and marine habitat areas of particular concern, effects of sonar and missile testing on whales and dolphins, interference with sea turtle nesting, and impacts on seabird nesting colonies on FDM.

Others include changes to marine vegetation, impacts on coral reef species, impacts on federally and locally listed endangered species including the Micronesian megapode and Marianas fruit bat, fishing restrictions and limitations to accessibility to tourist sites, and impacts on cultural resources.

For more information about the draft EIS, contact the CNMI's Military Integration Management Committee in the Lt. Governor's Office at 664 2300 or mimc.marianas@gmail.com; Division of Fish and Wildlife acting director Manny Pangelinan at 664 6002 or 6003 or mmpangelinan@gmail.com; Laura T. Ogumuro, acting State Historic Preservation Officer, at 664-2584/2587 or lauratogumoro@gov.mp; Lainie Zarones, CRM lead coastal planner, at 664 8305 or lzarones@gmail.com; Becky Skeele, CRM coastal resources planner, at 664 8316 or rebecca.skeele.crm@gmail.com; or Ryan Okano, DEQ ecologist, at 664 8524 or ryanokano@deq.gov.mp.

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as the top winner of the organization's signature fundraising event of the year.

Manalo, which literally means "to win" in Tagalog, can choose either $10,000 in cash or a spanking new 2014 Toyota Yaris.

The part-owner of Day Star Fish Store, located along Beach Road beside Hukobotan, was not present during the raffle drawing attended by close to 1,200 community members at the Hibiscus Hall.

Matt Smith, meanwhile, took home the first place prize of $3,000, while Belen Nunez and Gilbert Morales won the $2,000 and $1,000 second and third place prizes, respectively. Trinidad Camacho got the $500 consolation prize.

Record-breaking Las Vegas Night

Manalo, who is currently in the Philippines in her native Imus, Cavite, to attend a church seminar, was not the only big winner last Saturday night as the local Rotary Club also enjoyed its most successful Las Vegas Night to date.

Boyer said their initial printing of 8,000 tickets was sold out and they had to print an additional 1,000 tickets.

That still proved insufficient as people were still clamoring for tickets as they arrived fashionably late Saturday night.

Las Vegas Night used two venues at the Fiesta Resort: craps, Black Jack, roulette, and Texas Hold'Em Poker were held at the Hibiscus Hall, while Bingo hosted by Ben Babauta used the adjacent Azucena Hall.

"We're so happy. Tonight was such a great success. We've never seen so many people come out and help. We reached all our goals and we're very happy and we're excited to do the groundbreaking for the Kagman Children's Park in two weeks," Boyer said.

Proceeds from the 2013 Las Vegas Night will help fund the construction of the children's park, the groundbreaking of which will be graced by Rotary Club district governor Isako Funaki on Nov. 7, 2013.

In the costume contest, Saipan Southern High School continued its string of good luck this weekend as Manta Ray teacher Joleen Sablan's sultry ringmaster number bested two equally deserving "zombies."

Sablan, who won $200, got the crowd's attention with her provocative and sexy moves on stage that gave her the loudest applause.

Down payment for pickup truck

Saipan Tribune managed to contact Manalo in the Philippines yesterday and she said she would opt for the cash prize of $10,000 (minus 20-percent tax) to make a down payment for a new pickup truck for her fledgling business.

Manalo said that before leaving for the Philippines, she jokingly told her staff not to scratch the new car she will be winning at Las Vegas Night.

She said it was also the first time since coming to Saipan 28 years ago that she bought tickets to Las Vegas Night.

Manalo said she bought $100 worth of tickets from Rotary Club member Marcia Ayuyu, who she said is a loyal customer.

"It's truly a blessing from God. I want to thank the Rotary Club, especially to Marcia Ayuyu. I also want to thank my staff and I will surely treat them went I come back home," she said.

Manalo, who first came on Saipan in 1985, is part-owner of Day Star Fish Store, which is turning seven years old this year.

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Miura has been with PSS since 2004 after moving from his native Hawaii to be with his wife, who hails from Saipan.

"I like my students a lot. Everyday is an adventure and I look forward to each and every day," he said.

The 40-year-old Saipan transplant said he is also very happy that PSS was able to celebrate Education Day this year. "We haven't had this for a few years so it was a welcome change and I think it's a great day to celebrate education."

Miura's fellow teacher at Saipan Southern, Basa, said he owes his win to his past work as battalion commander of the Tinian Junior High School's JROTC program.

The 50-year-old teaches grades 9 to 12 at Saipan Southern, where he has taught the past two years.

"I'm just focused on teaching my students. Just like what the commissioner said, 'Students first,' so I always treat them first before my own personal thing. I also owe this award to my wife," said Basa.

Nakazato, the youngest of the three, admitted to being nervous before the announcement of the winners but that quickly turned to shock when her name was announced as Teacher Aide of the Year for 2014.

"I would really like to thank my Turtle family for this award and of course my family, my husband, and everyone who contributed to my education," said the 23-year-old.

The celebration of Education Day 2013 on Friday was truly festive and seemed more of a pep rally than an awards event, as all schools came in their colored and themed T-shirts and faculty and staff didn't hold anything back when the names of their colleagues were announced for the awards.

The other finalists for the Teacher of the Year award were Eric Palacios (Hopwood), Elaine Cabrera (Dandan), Debra Moore (Tanapag), Cassandra Sumor (Koblerville), Nakita Braganza (Head Start), Lareyna Camacho (Kagman Elementary School), Beverly Surla (San Antonio), Maria Mendoza (William S. Reyes), Valerie Nada (San Vicente), Teresa Seiwert (Chacha Oceanview Junior High School), Nicholas Gross (Marianas High School), Evelyn Ondomisi-Alarcon (Garapan Elementary School), Mei Reedstrom (Gregorio T. Camacho), June Ella Seman (Oleai Elementary), and David Bucher (Kagman High School).

The other nominees for the Instructor of the Year were Rebecca Sablan (Hopwood), Caroline Agulto (Dandan), Marilyn Ogo (Head Start-Rota), Georgina Laniyo (Kagman Elementary School), Virginia Richards (San Antonio), Maria Takai (San Vicente), George Lieto (Chacha Oceanview Junior High), Ernest Torres (Marianas High School), and James Burke (Kagman High School).

Finalists for the Teacher Aide of the Year plum were Cabrini Hambros (Dandan), Lucia Lieto (Tanapag), Edward Guinto (Saipan Southern), Olympia Manibusan (Kagman Elementary), Lynette Koshiba (San Antonio), Vivian S. Limes (San Vicente), Rose Sablan (Chacha Oceanview Junior High), Jordan Bocago (Marianas High School), and Franz Decena (Garapan Elementary).

More funding for PSS

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) both congratulated PSS and the Board of Education for 25 years of independence from the central government.

The two also separately promised additional funding for PSS in the coming years.

Inos said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' ABC Project noted that CNMI PSS has the best-maintained facilities among the U.S. territories.

Despite that accolade, however, the governor said a lot of things still need to be done to upgrade PSS' facilities.

"That's why in the 2015 capital improvement project, I included a $1-million grant to help maintain the facilities of PSS. PSS will need to identify which building needs immediate attention—leaking roofs, converting standard windows into energy-efficient ones, air-conditioning, and so forth."

He admitted that the $1 million will not be sufficient and turned to the CNMI's representative to Congress for additional money to complete the work.

Inos also thanked and congratulated the teachers on the occasion of Education Day. "We like our children to be educated with quality education and it boils down to you our teachers."

For his part, Sablan said he recently received a letter from the U.S. Department of Education that appropriates $3 million of entirely new money for public schools in the Northern Marianas.

"We have it on writing so they can't go back now," he added.

In the meantime, Sablan was glad to report that Title I funding for PSS will increase from $300,000 this year to $4 million in 2015 and then to $7 million in the following year.

"And that $7 million for Title I should continue every year until 2021," he said.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan thanked Inos and Sablan for their financial commitments to PSS.

"We heard the greats news from the governor that over the next five years beginning fiscal year 2015 the Public School System will receive not less than $1 million for repairs and maintenance of our facilities. Thank you, governor. So teachers you won't have any more problems with your light fixtures, air-conditioning, walls, and everything else."

With the CIP commitment from Inos, Sablan said that PSS should expect the islands' schools to become world-class facilities over the next five years.

"Thank you also to our congressman for thinking of us always and the $3 million that we're going to receive, which will go into every classroom in our Public School System. … These are indeed great news for PSS."

Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero emphasized the role teachers and support staff plays in the education of the Commonwealth's youth.

"Today as we celebrate Education Day and 25th year anniversary of public education, it aptly states 25 years of public education, embracing differences, enlightening minds, and inspiring greatness. We have a very a diverse community but we pull our strength on our many differences. Individually, we are also very different. Teachers out there are doing a great thing in enlightening the minds of students."

Woman in health care fraud case pleads not guilty

Leyda I. Ada has entered a not-guilty plea to a superseding indictment that charged her for allegedly conspiring with her husband in health care theft, fraud, and money laundering.

The superseding indictment—the replacement of the original indictment—charged Ada with 16 counts, including new charges. The original indictment charged her and her husband, Melvin G. Ada, with 59 counts.

The superseding indictment charged Leyda Ada with one count of conspiracy to commit health care theft and embezzlement, six counts of health care theft and embezzlement, five counts of mail fraud, one count of money laundering, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, one count of conspiracy to make false statements in applications for food stamp benefits, and one count of perjury.

Leyda appeared with her lawyer, Mark Hanson, during arraignment on Friday. She pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The jury trial will begin on Jan. 27, 2014.

The indictment alleged that from January 2006 through August 2011, the Ada couple misappropriated and diverted 46 CNMI Treasury checks made payable to Midwest Medical Supply Co., Inc. totaling over $1.7 million and deposited these checks in bank accounts they controlled.

Leyda used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply, a Missouri company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Melvin Ada was previously employed at CHC as a medical supply specialist. He recently pleaded guilty to 56 charges and will be sentenced on March 7, 2014. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the continuation of military readiness training and testing activities conducted within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Study Area. The MITT EIS/OEIS is the reevaluation and reauthorization of training and testing activities reviewed in the Mariana Islands Range Complex EIS/OEIS, which the Navy completed with community input in 2010.

We welcome your input!

The Draft EIS/OEIS is available for public review and comment from Sept. 13, 2013, to Dec. 12, 2013 (ChST).

Submit Written Comments To:
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific
Attention: MITT EIS/OEIS Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
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Submit comments online at **www.MITT-EIS.com**.

All comments must be postmarked or received online by Dec. 12, 2013, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), for consideration in the Final EIS/OEIS.

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University of Guam, Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building, Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129
Mangilao, Guam 96923

Saipan
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013
Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe
Saipan, MP 96950

Tinian
Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013
Tinian High School, Cafeteria
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Rota
Friday, Nov. 15, 2013
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REPORTER

A job-placement agency owner and his two employees were indicted in federal court last week for allegedly conspiring to file CW-1 petitions for some alien workers that falsely and fraudulently named the company as the workers' employer.

The indictment, which was filed in court last Tuesday and unsealed on Friday, charged Mariano K. Pangelinan, Rosabella P. Cruz, and Helen N. Aparente with one count of conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the U.S.

In addition, Pangelinan was charged with 17 counts of visa fraud, Cruz with 13 counts of visa fraud and one count of false statement, and Aparente with four counts of visa fraud.

The U.S. government also wants to seize any company vehicle or property used to commit the offenses.

Pangelinan is the alleged primary corporate officer of ARCH International Co. Ltd., which held itself out as a job-placement agency that could help aliens in need of CW-1 permits find employment and obtain CW-1 permits.

Cruz and Aparente were alleged employees of ARCH.

Pangelinan appeared in court on Friday for his initial appearance. Attorney Joseph Horey served as his court-appointed counsel.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy allowed Pangelinan to be released upon posting a $10,000 unsecured bond with some conditions.

Arraignment will be on Nov. 4 at 10am.

According to the indictment, Pangelinan, Cruz, and Aparente conspired from July 2011 through July 2013 to defraud U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services by submitting fake employment contracts for 17 alien workers.

The defendants allegedly discouraged aliens who had questions about their CW-1 petitions from taking their questions to USCIS, by warning them that USCIS would handcuff them and send them home.

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JTB West distributed the brochure to its 50 branches and is planning to hold seminars and workshops on the Northern Marianas for their sales staff at each branches.

The MVA also announced a **group campaign** for April-June 2014, aimed at attracting more groups to the Northern Marianas. It will also work to enchance business opportunities from the **Kansai**, Japan region via **Asiana Airlines** through Incheon during the off season.

Saipan Tinian Rota

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Ex-Fund trustee ad litem, lawyers' billing of $77,331 OK'd

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The expenses of the NMI Retirement Fund's former trustee *ad litem* and two Fund lawyers for June totaling $77,331.19 has been approved for payment.

U. S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood approved last week the request of former trustee ad litem Civille & Tang law firm for payment of $30,155 for professional services and $2,496.96 for reimbursement of expenses, for a total of $32,651.96.

Tydingco-Gatewood also approved Fund counsel Daniel J. Berman's request for payment of $27,120 for professional services and $1,469.23 in expenses for a total invoice of $28,589.23.

For the Fund's other counsel, Braddock J. Huesman, the judge granted the lawyer's request for payment of $16,090 for professional services.

Tydingco-Gatewood said she found the requests for compensation and reimbursements of expenses to be reasonable.

The payment, the judge said, shall come from the money that was transferred from the Fund operations budget into the trustee *ad litem*'s client trust account.

It was during this time frame, the judge said, that the trustee *ad litem* and its attorneys participated in three days of intense negotiations with opposing parties and Hawaii chief bankruptcy judge Robert Faris that eventually resulted in a settlement of the Betty Johnson's class action.

With the final approval of the global settlement agreement in Johnson's class action last Sept. 30, Tydingco-Gatewood discharged the Civille & Tang law firm and its representative, Joseph Razzano, as trustee *ad litem*.

Last month, the judge appointed the same law firm, through its principal representative Joyce C. H. Tang, as the trustee who will run the settlement fund that will be created under the settlement agreement.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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1. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards;
2. OMB Circular A-133; and
3. Compliance with the General Requirements Applicable to Federal Financial Assistance Program.

Award will be based on specific factors such as prior experience, technical competence, ability to meet the deadline and price in this order. The contract for this audit will be awarded no later than **November 15, 2013**. The audit work shall commence by **December 30, 2013**, and a final audit report shall be completed by **March 15, 2013**. A list of specific audit requirements and Agency's profile are available at NMPASI office, Gualo Rai. Any questions regarding this matter can be addressed to Mr. James Rayphand, Executive Director at Tel. No 235-7274/7273.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-14-002

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF TYPHOON RECOVERY MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Typhoon Recovery Materials for CUC Power Division, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $80.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups".

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-14-002, Supply & Delivery of Typhoon Recovery Materials"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for goods. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **October 28, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org & Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles.warren@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

Warrant Task Force readies for Nov. 5

Members of the public with pending bench warrants are urged to voluntarily come in or contact the CNMI Judiciary's Marshal Service Division in Susupe and comply with their obligations before the current lenience notice period expires on Nov. 5.

After that date, those with outstanding bench warrants are subject to arrest by members of a joint task force assigned to the warrants' enforcement. The joint task force is composed of law enforcement agencies: Department of Public Safety, Marshal Service Division, the Office of Adult Probation, and the Office of the Attorney General.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Joseph Deleon Guerrero and the Judiciary's Deputy Director for Law Enforcement, Ursula Lifoifoi Aldan, said the joint task force was formed to enforce any and all bench warrants issued by the Superior Court.

Outstanding bench warrants have been issued for unpaid traffic tickets, criminal offenses, failure to settle civil actions, and failure to appear at required court hearing, or for failure to appear for jury duty.

Members of the public who suspect outstanding bench warrants have been issued against them are urged to contact the Marshal Division's Office at 236-9849 and 236-9852 before Nov. 5, 2013, to avoid heightened inconvenience. ***(NMI Judiciary)***

Group sets 2nd candle lighting rite

A local grief support group is planning their second annual Candle Lighting Remembrance Program in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends' 17th annual Worldwide Candle Lighting on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, at 6:30pm, at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe.

Candles will be lit at 7pm local time, as we commemorate and honor the memory of all children, and others, gone too soon. A virtual 24-hour wave of light moves from time zone to time zone around the world.

There will be a slideshow presentation, music, and readings of loved one's names. If you would like your loved one's photo, name, or other remembrance to be included in the slide show, e-mail items to jilld@pticom.com before Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013.

Additional details will be announced as the date approaches. Contact Jill Derickson at jilld@pticom.com, or 287-5227, if you are interested in helping, or for further information. ***(PR)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 25, 2005

JAL finalizes departure
Japan Airlines will close its Saipan office at the end of this month, leaving at least 10 direct local employees without a job. Although JAL ceased operating regular flights on Oct. 4, the airline's Saipan office will remain open until Oct. 31 to serve the rest of its five special flights this month. JAL operated charter flights on Oct. 16, 18, 21, and 23. The last service will be on Oct. 26. Ricardo Manalo, passenger and traffic section manager for JAL-Saipan, said the airline would operate another special flight on Nov. 3 to bring tourists from Haneda to Saipan. The service is expected to arrive at 4am.

Dekada makes its move in DC
The Dekada Movement made its first major move in Washington, D.C. early this month to raise the awareness of U.S. Congress members and their staff concerning what it describes as the "inequitable situation" faced by long-term alien residents of the CNMI and the aspirations of Dekada members for an improved status. Dekada president Bonifacio Sagana said yesterday that Dekada lawyer Stephen C. Woodruff pushed Dekada's concerns to members of the House of Representatives through a combination of office visits and written communications from Oct. 5 to 9 of this year. Since returning to Saipan, Woodruff said he has already received a follow-up call from a staffer working for House Resources Committee chair Rep. Richard Pombo (R-Calif.).

October 25, 2006

Part of Taga Beach erodes, local govt cautions public
The public is being warned to stay away from a recently eroded area at Taga Beach on Tinian as it poses a danger to community members. Emergency Management Office Tinian representative Joe A. Camacho said yesterday that possible wave action may have bored the huge hole along the cliff on the beach. Camacho said the erosion may have been due to last weekend's weather. Camacho said the hole measures 10 by 20 feet wide and about 38 feet deep. He said this is the first time that consecutive storms eroded that part of the beach. He added that the water from beneath the cliff may have eaten into the ground, causing that part of the beach to collapse, leaving a huge hollow behind.

MHS sets College, Career Fair
Marianas High School will hold its first College and Career Fair tomorrow, Oct. 26, to Thursday, Oct. 27, from 8am to 12:30pm at the MHS Gym. This event will cater to MHS junior and senior students who will be graduating soon. School counselor Grace Sablan said MHS faculty member Tyce Mister has been providing the same opportunity in his Cooperative Education Program class. Sablan said this event would be open to all students in their junior and senior years. "Our goal is that it will become an annual event," she added. The objective of the event, said Sablan, is to better equip and prepare their students with "the three Cs Choices, Careers, College and all the readily available opportunities that are out there to further themselves individually, professionally, academically, and most especially to prepare them for the real world."

October 25, 2007

Pink eye epidemic sweeps PSS
Pink eye, a viral eye infection that could lead to vision loss, is sweeping through public schools in the CNMI, with 323 cases among its students and some teachers. According to a Public School System report obtained by the Saipan Tribune yesterday, at least six schools on Saipan and one on Rota have reported schoolchildren and teachers contracting the eye disease. Kagman Elementary School posted the highest number of pink eye infections with 87 cases, two of them teachers. Majority of the infected children are in third grade, totaling 20, while 17 are kindergarten pupils.

PDM launches two Christmas activities
First lady Josie Fitial joined PDM Promoters Inc. yesterday afternoon at the Kinpachi Restaurant in Garapan for the launching of two major projects intended to liven up the Paseo de Marianas in the runup to the Christmas season. The Christmas Tree Decoration Contest, made memorable by its overwhelming success last year, is making another appearance this year, while the other competition is the "My Holiday Greetings to Our Visitors" Drawing Contest.

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The Ted Cruz Effect: Lost jobs

There are more fruits of the tea party's labors coming soon for the nation's economy.

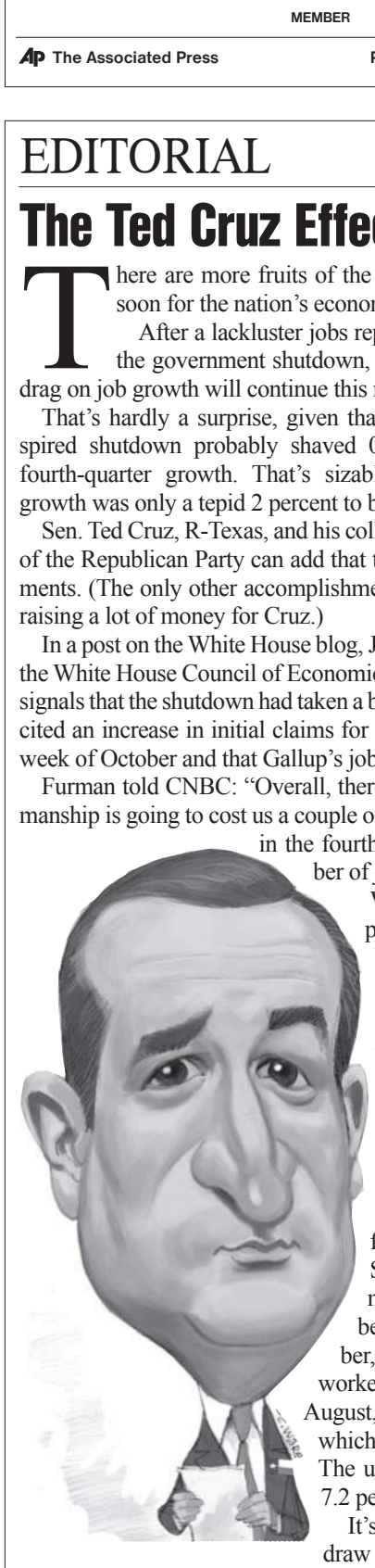
After a lackluster jobs report issued late because of the government shutdown, the White House says the drag on job growth will continue this month.

That's hardly a surprise, given that the 16-day tea party inspired shutdown probably shaved 0.6 percentage points off fourth-quarter growth. That's sizable given that annualized growth was only a tepid 2 percent to begin with.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and his colleagues in the radical wing of the Republican Party can add that to their list of accomplishments. (The only other accomplishment of note, of course, was raising a lot of money for Cruz.)

In a post on the White House blog, Jason Furman, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, said there were signals that the shutdown had taken a bite out of the economy. He cited an increase in initial claims for unemployment in the first week of October and that Gallup's job creation index faltered.

Furman told CNBC: "Overall, there's no question this brinkmanship is going to cost us a couple of tenths on our growth rate in the fourth quarter and decent number of jobs in October."



We realize that some Republicans were chastened by this debacle, but the tea party wing seems to be itching for another fight in January when the government will next run out of money.

Establishment Republicans shouldn't allow that to happen.

Overall, the numbers for October were average. So far this year, average monthly job growth has been 182,000. In September, companies added 148,000 workers, fewer than expected. In August, 193,000 jobs were added, which was better than expected. The unemployment rate is now 7.2 percent.

It's always dangerous to draw conclusions from incomplete date, and by their very nature monthly reports are only snapshots in time. And, yes, Furman has an agenda—the White House's agenda.

But other economist agree with him about the harm caused by a two-week paid vacation for the federal government.

Mark Zandi, of Moody's, told CNBC Tuesday, "It feels like the economy weakened this summer, and given the shutdown and the brinkmanship, it will weaken further going into next year." The government put hundreds of thousands out of work for more than two weeks, which affects businesses tied to government work.

There's a price to be paid for such nonsense, and now we're paying it.

And watch out, come January. The economy does not need another round of brinkmanship courtesy of the tea party wing of the Republican Party.

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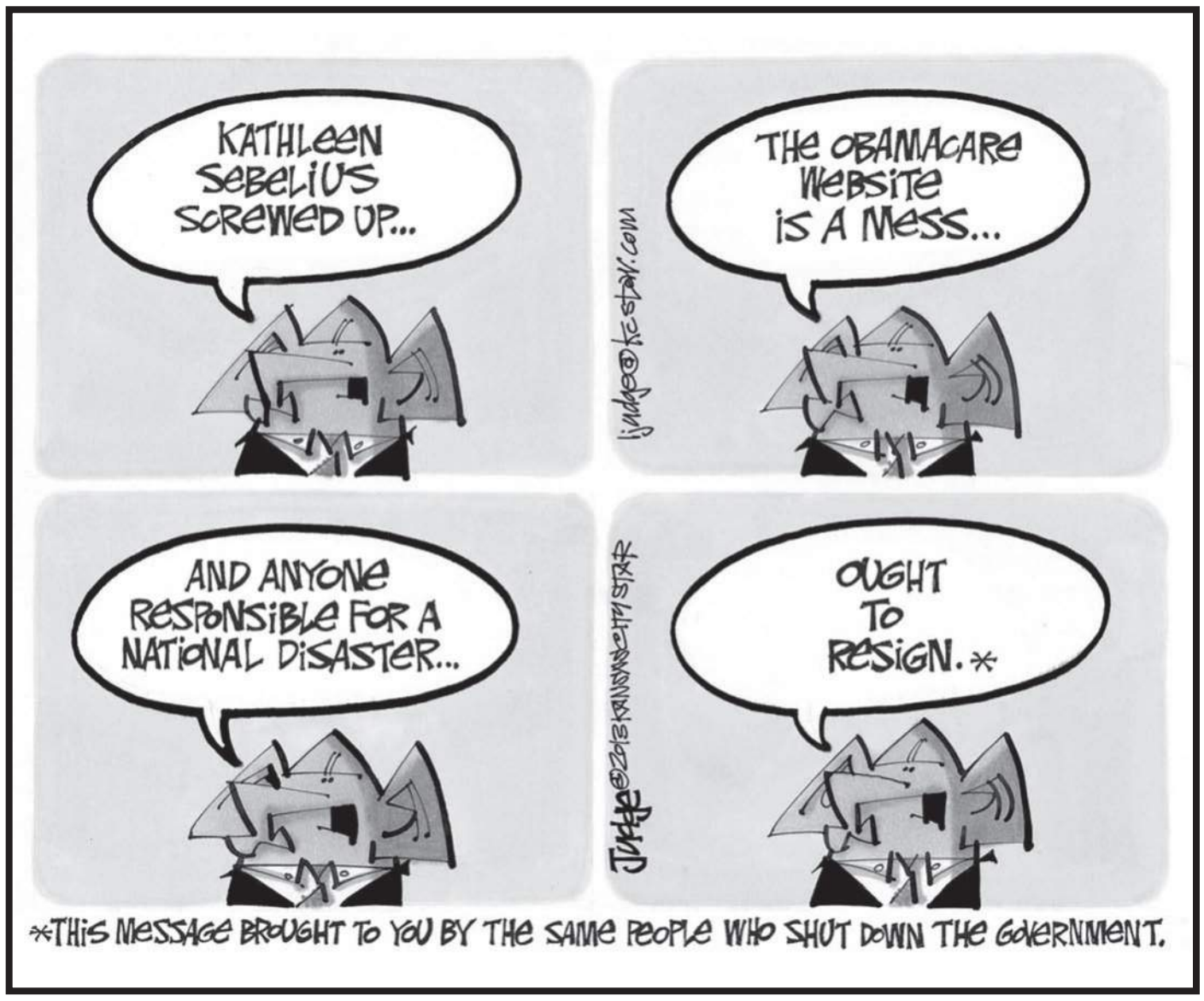
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Scary men different from scary women

By GINA BARRECA
The Hartford Courant

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With Halloween trying to sneak up on us, it's time to look without fear at the differences between what makes men scary and what makes women scary.

For example, your male villain in a horror movie must have third-degree peeling burns and open sores over most of his body; that's a given. It's a plus if he's wearing gloves with knives on the fingertips, like Freddy Krueger from "A Nightmare on Elm Street." If he has bad breath and a low credit score, even better.

Or else he can choose the ever popular wearing of his victims' skin over his own, as do those curiously bespoke tailors from either "The Silence of the Lambs" or "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

And if a screen villain really wants to make a lasting impression and seriously embrace a truly effective horribleness, he can have nails driven into his skull like the central figure from "Hellraiser." He's made piercing into a whole new kind of art form.

OK, so now let's compare this to what female characters must do to be wildly frightening to the average male viewer.

In contrast to oozing sores, flayed bodies and nails in the skull, what did Charlize Theron need to do to play a so memorably, mortally gruesome a villainess and murderess that she won an Oscar for the role?

What Theron needed to do in "Monster" was gain a little weight and not do her hair properly.

What had men pants-wettingly terrified about the film was not that Theron played one of the few serial killers who systematically murdered male victims: It was, instead, that dazzlingly gorgeous Charlize Theron could look bad simply by installing prosthetic teeth and doing weird stuff with her eyebrows.

Female characters, you see, don't have to be preternaturally disfigured or animal-alien-human-hybrids; all they need to do is smear their eye makeup and get lipstick on their teeth.

Actually, they don't even need to do that: they need to cry, yell and make a scene.

At this moment in our culture, it's not Carrie from Stephen King who is scares, but Carrie from "Homeland."

CIA operative (retired) Carrie from "Homeland" is creepier because she's way more out of control than Carrie-the-pig-blood-prom-queen. "Homeland's" Carrie has fallen from a more powerful position and she has access to the secrets, not of high schoolers, but of nations. Frankly, the last thing she is worried about is getting her period.

And while we're speaking of Stephen King, it's not Kathy Bates from "Misery" who really made the men of America flee in fear from multiplexes; it's Kathy Bates from "About Schmidt" who did that.

All Kathy Bates had to do in "About Schmidt" was get into the hot tub naked. All she had to do was reveal a bouncy woman's body.

Hobbling James Caan with an axe when acting as his nurse in "Misery" apparently absolutely pales in comparison to her lack of shame in "About Schmidt," even though, as many of us recall, Jack Nicholson himself was not exactly a body double for, say, Alexander Skarsgard.

It's tricky for a female character to play a horror-queen role on the screen because, as one of my male friends put it, the phrase "scary woman is redundant." Our super villains, like our superheroes, remain a masculine prototype of a very certain type: they are unmarried and tend not to have deeply complex dating lives even when they are given complicated emotional back stories.

Sure, Superman had "issues" concerning his family of origin, but Lois Lane was never much more than a nag in his life. Batman had to deal with loss and grief, but Catwoman was basically on a quest for a litter box of one's own.

How about Wonder Woman? One look and you knew exactly what everybody was wondering: "Are they real?"

So in celebration of the season, here are movies so chilling to everyman that they will send your guy into a panic the moment you hit "play":

1. "Titanic"
2. "The First Wives Club"
3. "Little Women"
4. "Precious"
5. "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood"
6. "A Walk to Remember"
7. "Notting Hill"
8. "27 Dresses"
9. "Thelma and Louise"
10. Tie: "Wuthering Heights" or "Jane Eyre"—any adaptation, any director, any time period.

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Halloween

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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All Hallows E'en is the evening before All Saints' Day followed by All Souls Day, the triduum of Hallowmas, dedicated in Christian liturgy to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and the departed faithful among believers and the lapsed. Europe that spawned the tradition was rather exclusive in its coverage, with the infidels totally relegated to the realm of the unfriendly fairies!

The day of the dead is common to all human settlements around the world so it is not unusual to have varied celebrations and observances. In the Philippine Ifugao province, bodies are mummified and interred in caves reminiscent of the burials in the sky practiced in the Himalayas. With Buddhism's belief in reincarnation, and the migration of the spirit into another body, the practice does not come as a surprise in the rooftops of the world.

In the *Dia de los Muertos* celebrated in Mexico where Christianity is merged with ancient Aztec reverence for the dead, the festival eschews mourning or sadness as too insulting to the departed; instead, it celebrates the lives of the deceased with food, drink, parties, and activities that they enjoyed in life. The day recognizes death as a natural part of the human experience from the first wail to the final snuff.

The end of September, I visited my mother who just celebrated her 93rd birthday. She is under the care of Honolulu's *Huakini Hale Pulama* for elders with medical conditions that require them to be close to hospital emergency services. Mother is still sprite in spirit, and girlish in wanting to comb her hair after shower before entertaining visitors; she did not have any difficulty recognizing her eldest son "who lives far away," her intro of me to the aides.

My youngest sister, the legal guardian, is a nurse who is professionally sworn to prolonging life as much as possible. Mother now sleeps a lot, casually so with a smile as opposed to hiding and ignoring the visible aches and pains of broken bones accompanying the late sunset of her years, so my unsolicited advice that was met with a raised eyebrow was simply to keep her comfortable while she happily sleeps her way into oblivion rather than worry about prolonging her evidently suffering days.

The influence of the Gaelic *Samhain,* which literally means "summer's end," helped shape Halloween in Britain and the rest of the world where the sun never sets on the British Empire. It was originally more a festival of harvest and keeping healthy seeds for the next planting season, but given the morbidity of death in the Christian tradition of the Greco-Roman empire, it degenerated into Zoroaster's tableau of the battle of good and evil. It further developed a notion of a purgatory where spirits in limbo reside and annually visit their old habitat. To avoid them, bonfires are lit and masks worn. Trick or treating was born. Denizens north of the Alps protested.

If Samhain and Halloween anticipate the cold winter, Qingming in far east Asia celebrates the onset of spring observed sometime on the first week of April. This "sweeping of the tombs" day recalls one's ancestors with incense, flowers, and food. Married to the celebrative Mexican *Dia de los Muertos,* Asian Catholics in HK and Macao, but more so in the Marianas and the Philippines, move mahjong tables to the cemetery where an overnight wake is cadenced with the fingering and tumbling of ivory tiles!

The comic Woody Allen is quoted as saying: "I'm not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens." We go a few steps further. Knowing that death is finally a solitary exercise, like the living of one's life, one takes full ownership of the event. While no one can predict when it is going to happen, we in the 21st century always make predictions on everything else based on statistical probability, but we shy away on the personal matter of death.

Human settlement is presumed to have originated from the desire of some to guard the tombs of their forebears. As hunters and gatherers, markers were left when the burial of the dead began, and guardians to tombs followed to protect the departed from the scourge of scavengers, predators, and looters. Organized human society and civilization rose from the ashes of the tombs, as it were.

Halloween could very well just be a children's play day with ghoulish attires and anxious parents over what their favored one's might receive from strangers. The more irreverent ones will brown bag their whisky as they swig consciousness over to the candles on the cement, tanking 'til sunrise while trading horror stories and life's experiences with those willing to listen.

My covenant with life is 86 years, a few years shorter than the longevity of genetics I inherited from my parents, lopping some years from when I tarred my lungs for a decade in my early adult years. When the final occurrence happens, *mas o menos* days or years*,* we go with the French: *c'est la vie.* We've since began signing papers this year with *j'aime la vie* (I love life) in the intentional beginning of our journey unto death.

Not as irreverent as the lyrics to *Toast to the Dead,* we'll go with the Mediterranean shattering of the glass: *L'achaim!*

Sense may be in short supply, but that gives us plenty to write about

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Sometimes, life can be overly generous. You go from a dateless Saturday night to an overflowing eHarmony inbox. You want just one little tomato for your salad and the garden yields enough produce to feed the entire population of Sicily. There is such a thing as "too much."

That's what occurred to me this week. Normally, I can find one or two things that spark my interest (and 800 words of indignation) by Thursday afternoon. But this week was a veritable cornucopia of bounty, and I felt like a kid in a candy shop with one shiny quarter to spend. How to choose among all of the examples of cowardice, arrogance and bigotry presented on a big multimedia platter?

Well, I couldn't.

My Facebook friends made some great suggestions, which I was more than happy to consider (except the one about the school district mandating the reading of Howard Zinn, which sends me to the bathroom with nausea). So here is a rapid round-up of the macabre, the horrible and the merely repellant, just in time for Halloween.

Let's start with Alan Grayson, congressman from Florida, who compared the tea party to the KKK. In a state famed for its reptiles, gruesome Grayson blends. His use of burning-cross imagery to conflate the Klan with legitimate political activism is hardly surprising, given the type of campaign he ran in the last election. But despite his attempts to smear and slander conservatives, the esteemed Democrat has simply succeeded in reminding us that most of the people who wore the sheets were members of his own caucus.

Then we have Kathleen Sebelius, who has carried so much water for her boss she needs a lifetime supply of Pamprin. The Health and Human Services secretary has made the media rounds in defense of the administration's abysmal rollout of Obamacare, including a website that makes Pac-Man look state-of-the-art. While this major technical failure won't put the stake through the heart of the healthcare vampire, it is comforting to know that Sandra Fluke will have to wait just a little bit longer before she can charge Uncle Sam for her birth control.

But it hasn't just been Democrats behaving badly this week.

Next door in New Jersey, Gov. Chris Christie had a major fail of his own when he decided to raise the white flag of surrender in the same-sex marriage offensive. In withdrawing his appeal of a lower-court decision mandating gay nuptials in the Garden State, Christie has turned his back on his tough-prosecutor past and essentially allowed one lower-court judge to dictate the law in his state. This is not only an insult to every resident who opposed so-called "marriage equality," it is a slap in the face to the rest of us who believe that legal process should be respected and that seeing the "writing on the wall" doesn't allow you to abrogate your duties. You expect this from someone like Kathleen Kane, who rode the wave of "hope and change" into office. You didn't expect this from a maverick like Christie.

I do need to add something here. The liberals who are dancing with joy over Christie's capitulation shouldn't be too quick to adopt him as their mascot. As my good friend and PR sage Dan Cirucci observes: "I think Christie's learned how long and how far a matter can be pursued. I don't think this changes his basic view about gay marriage—a position he's held for quite some time. He simply made a clear-headed, practical decision. Once again, he's shown himself to be a principled pragmatist."

I'm not as sanguine as Dan about the guy who used to be my favorite governor. But the progressives need to stop gloating and get back to fixing that website.

I could go on (like, what kind of person greets Ted Cruz as a hero?) but I've run out of space. If only we would run out of disgrace.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Betty J repeat with Article 12: Part I

I am not for abolishing Article 12 but I do want to see it fixed to meet the American expectation of equal rights because if we don't fix it now it is destined to end up in the trash. The front page headlines of the newspaper saying "A Filipino governor in 10 years" that was shown on the *John Gonzales Show* should have warned locals that the future life of Article 12 is already numbered. Not only does Article 12 face a shift in the voting demographics that will make locals the minority, Article 12 is also in direct conflict with the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution, the supreme law of America. The Covenant can never circumvent the expectations of the Civil Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution for all time.

My name was mentioned on the show for trying to fix Article 12, yet I was not allowed to defend myself on the show, which I will discuss in part II. As for the court case that was mentioned on the show, it took place before 2011 and was based on international expectations, not the discrimination and denial of rights guaranteed in the Civil Rights Act and the 14th Amendment. The suit was also not ripe, being filed prior to 2011 which I'm sure is why the court did not address the prime question regarding Article 12: Can the U.S. Congress, the President, and the Covenant circumvent the Civil Rights Act and the 14th Amendment right in the U.S. Constitution? Common sense tells me the answer will be an emphatic no. Article 12 was in trouble from the start, which is why the 25 years was granted as a compromise to save the Covenant. I truly believe the proper lawsuit filed now will kill Article 12.

Yes, people were given the right to choose who will own land but people need to know that if the people choose wrong, the feds will step in and fix it just like they did with wages, immigration, and now the Fund. Need I remind readers that the federal government warned the CNMI and I also wrote letters warning about immigration and wages that were ignored, so what did the feds do? Take over, like I predicted. The records of the Covenant talks clearly show that the CNMI was warned about Article 12 so what do you think is going to happen when there are thousands of non-local U.S. citizens like me wanting to be treated equally. I'm just the first to speak out and locals will soon be outnumbered politically as the newspaper dictated in only 10 years. Please wake up, people.

I am trying to help the local people prevent another Betty Johnson on Article 12 and even avoid the possibility of future protests that will be driven by racial differences. The CNMI has not experienced racial unrest yet, but we are certainly setting ourselves up for a big confrontation in the not-too-distant future. The primary problem in the debater's arguments who are promoting Article 12 is that all of their rationale is based on outdated court decisions and a Covenant agreement that was limited to a 25-year period. The people need to focus on the future consequences of Article 12 and doing the right thing or it will be Betty Johnson all over again with Article 12.

P.S.: I love you Uncle John - but how could you and your guests talk about me without giving me a chance to defend myself—very disrespectful. You also failed to pose or answer the questions I gave you regarding equality and the disrespect to locals in the military that are fighting for equality.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.
▲87° ▼75°

TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲86° ▼75°

WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼76°

THURSDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°

FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲84	▼77
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲85	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼74
Majuro	Showers	▲86	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲63	▼53
Beijing	Sunny	▲65	▼43
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼74
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼71
London	Rain	▲59	▼47
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲80	▼56
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲66	▼48
Miami	Showers	▲83	▼71
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲57	▼38
Osaka	Sunny	▲69	▼55
Paris	Windy	▲60	▼47
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼55
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼61
Salem	Sunny	▲63	▼41
San Francisco	Sunny	▲69	▼54
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼49
Tokyo	Sunny	▲66	▼56
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼42

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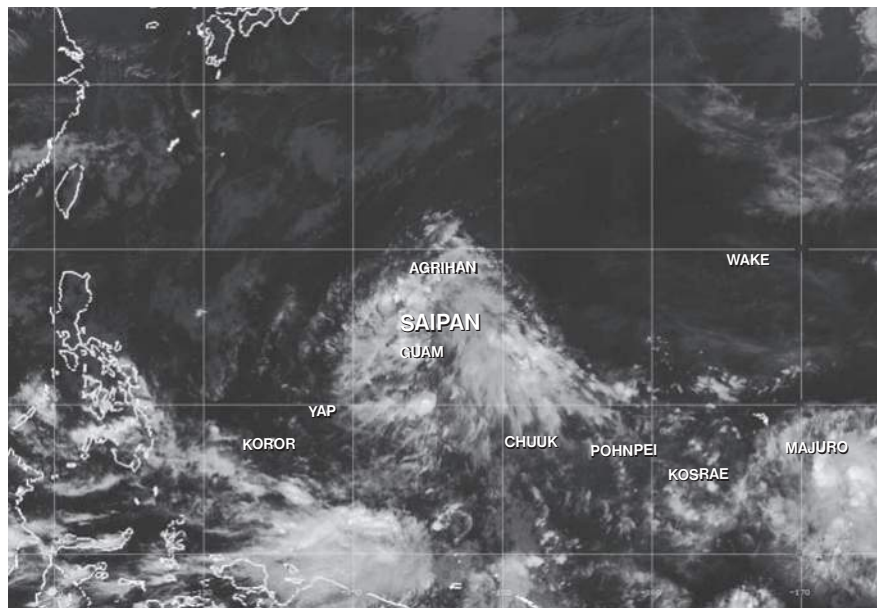

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A tropical disturbance centered near 11N147E is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across the Marianas to north of Chuuk and Pohnpei within an area bounded by 15N140E to 19N149E to 8N159E to 11N140E back to 15N140E. A second tropical disturbance centered near 4N173E is producing numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Kwajalein across Majuro and Butaritari atoll within 230 miles of a line from 6N168E to 2N180. Converging low-level winds are causing widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Pohnpei across Kosrae state between 2N and 9N from 159E to 167E. Converging monsoon winds are triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of Koror to south of Yap south of a line from 9N130E to 3N140E to1N146E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:04 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:14 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
4:25 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
10:45 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Tuesday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Wednesday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Thursday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:28 AM	1:15 PM
Tuesday	1:16 AM	1:55 PM
Wednesday	2:05 AM	2:35 PM
Thursday	2:55 AM	3:16 PM
Friday	3:47 AM	3:59 PM

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UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
D2102	2:20am	5:50am	3
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
D2104	2:00pm	5:30pm	6
OZ6063	3:30am	7:20am	4, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:10pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:45pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5074/PR111	11:20am	4:45pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

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UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
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UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
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UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
D2101	8:30am	2:00pm	3
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
D2103	7:30pm	1:00am+1	6
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ6053	9:10pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:35am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	7:40am	12:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
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FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
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FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Philippine earthquake fund drive close to $5K

The United Filipino Organization's fundraising campaign for victims of the Oct. 15 earthquake in the central Philippines has reached close to $5,000.

UFO president Annamae Adaza said the umbrella organization of Filipino groups on Saipan has collected $4,905.18 as of Oct. 26. The group held its last day of collection during yesterday's 9:30am Mass at Kristo Rai Parish.

"The help of the community was overwhelming. Aside from doing the fund drive in the Sabalu Market, Mt. Carmel Cathedral, Tuesday and Thursday market, and during basketball games, we also sent out letters to companies and their employees are sharing as well and most of them have extended help to the fund drive," said Adaza.

During the Thursday Street Market alone, UFO was able to collect $910.11. UFO hopes to make a final tally today.

"Since we started the fund drive last Oct. 20 UFO volunteers have worked almost 21 hours for the whole week. I just want to say thank you to all who extended their help to the UFO fund drive. Rest assured the money will go the victims of the earthquake," she said.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza, left, poses with other UFO volunteers at their fund-raising booth at the Thursday Market last Oct. 24.

Adaza said they would make public the final details of their fund drive by week's end and take a photo of their check donation to Sagip Kapamilya of ABS-CBN.

ABS-CBN, meanwhile, reported that the death toll in the magnitude 7.2 earthquake that hit Bohol and other provinces in the Visayas last Oct. 15 has risen to 215.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said 201 died in Bohol, the hardest-hit province, while 13 others were from Cebu and Siquijor.

Eight people remain missing, while 742 were wounded in the killer quake that also destroyed centuries-old churches and damaged tourist spots.

Meanwhile, the amount of damage to bridges, streets, schools, hospitals and other buildings in the Visayas has reached 2.2 billion pesos. For now, some 361,000 residents remain in temporary shelters.

In related news, UFO announced that they have already received membership receipts of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration. Adaza said the receipts could be claimed during the basketball games at TSL Sports Complex/REM Center in Gualo Rai every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 6pm to 8pm. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Docomo Pacific to give away free glow sticks

Docomo Pacific will be distributing 2,000 free glow sticks for Halloween as part of the "Be Seen, Be Safe" program that was originally started by the former MCV Broadband.

Docomo Pacific's acquisition of MCV Broadband was made official in May 2013.

The "Be Seen, Be Safe" program was first implemented in 2006 by MCV Broadband through its community organization, MCV Cable Cares, and is now being continued by Docomo Pacific.

Sponsors for this year's program are Hawaiian Rock Products, Mobil Oil Guam, the Office of Highway Safety, and Department of Public Works.

Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson said the distribution of glow sticks will start today, Oct. 28, at the newly renovated Docomo Pacific retail store on Middle Road in Gualo Rai.

Glow sticks are limited to two per person, while supplies last, and can be obtained by simply saying, "Docomo Pacific cares."

Glow stick recipients are highly encouraged to practice safe usage. As with any costume accessories, Docomo Pacific recommends that glow sticks be loosely fastened to a child's wrist, trick or treat bag, or costume and not be hung around a child's neck.

"The safety of the children and accompanying members during Halloween is of utmost concern with Docomo Pacific," said Nelson. "Thanks to our sponsors' support, this safety program will make our children more visible and help minimize avoidable accidents." ***(Mark Rabago)***

Bill seeks to allow medical marijuana in Guam

GUAM (Pacific News Center)—Sen. Tina Muna-Barnes has introduced a bill that would allow for the medical use of marijuana.

Bill 215 provides for an exemption from criminal and civil penalties, and establishes a regulatory framework for the use of cannabis to alleviate the symptoms of certain illnesses.

The measure is co-sponsored by Sen. Aline Yamashita. They are calling it the *"Joaquin Concepcion Compassionate Cannabis Use Act of 2013."*

According to the bill, the marijuana would have to be *"derived solely from an intrastate source,"* meaning it must be grown here on Guam.

The measure would authorize "a qualified patient" or their "primary caregiver," to possess an "adequate supply" of cannabis to alleviate the symptoms of a "debilitating medical condition."

"Adequate supply" is defined as a three-month supply of cannabis. And "debilitating medical condition" includes diseases like cancer, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, HIV, arthritis, or post-traumatic stress disorder, among other diseases.

Last month, Muna-Barnes introduced Resolution 201 in support of the decriminalization of cannabis for medicinal purposes. The resolution was aimed at gauging public support for, as well as opposition to a bill allowing for the medical use of marijuana.

There was general support at the public hearing for the resolution. And recently the Rotary Club hosted a debate between former Chief Superior Court Judge Peter Siguenza who spoke in favor of decriminalizing marijuana, while Dr. Thomas Shieh opposed it.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

INVITATION TO BID
CHCC-14-ITB001

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2013 | 9:30AM

"LEASE AND OPERATION OF CAFETERIA SERVICES"

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE CHCC PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY OFFICE LOCATED IN LOWER BASE DURING WORKING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE CHCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL SUBMITTED BIDS, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN ANY BID SUBMISSION, IF IN ITS OPINION TO DO SO, WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHCC. ALL BID DOCUMENTS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CHCC.

/S/ Esther L. Muna
Chief Executive Officer

/S/ John Diego Urumelog
Director, CHCC Procurement & Supply

DEQ Brigade schedules Tank Beach cleanup

The Division of Environmental Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Tank Beach in Kagman on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, at 8 am.

If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representatives on Saturday at the Tank Beach area/parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

Last month's Makaka Beach Cleanup was successful with 64 volunteers participating. Thanks to students from WSR Elementary, Hopwood Jr. High, Saipan Southern High, staff from CRM, and other volunteers, about 700 lbs of trash was removed from the beach and properly disposed of.

For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(DEQ)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 9 a.m. at the Mayor's Conference Room, 1st floor, in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting (September 18, 2013)

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION
1. Four Scholarship Applicants appeals (fall 2013 Semester)

V. ADJOURNMENT

/S/ LYDIA F. BARCINAS[1]
Chairwoman

[1] We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting

[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

[3] Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hour prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

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ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC., Plaintiff,	:	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0131**
-v-	:	
LUCIA BORJA PALACIOS, Defendant.	:	

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 10, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 218-2-5, situated in As Teo, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1, having plane rectangular coordinates of 53,203.65 meters north and 66,755.91 meters cast of the Mariana islands district coordinate system of 1956.

Thence N 13° 35' 00" E, 13.18 meters to Corner 3;
Thence S 80° 13' 00" E, 65.95 meters to Corner 4;
Thence S 09° 47' 00" E, 28.85 meters to Corner 5;
Thence N 80° 13' 00" W, 66.53 meters to Corner 1;
the point of beginning.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, November 1, 2013, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 27th day of September, 2013:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC., Plaintiff,	:	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0338**
-v-	:	
RAMON P. AGULTO and DALIA R. AGULTO, Defendants.	:	

SIXTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 16, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot 001 G 32, situated in Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02 of which was recorded March 20, 1986, as Document No. 86-0513,at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan and also recorded on February 16, 1989, as Document No. 89-511, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, the description therein being incorporated herein by this reference.

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/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

PUBLIC NOTICE

MJC ENTERPRISES

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
Repair Services
PO BOX 505174 SAIPAN, MP 96950

Would like to inform the general public that it's business will **seize operation on November 15, 2013**.
Any transaction made after the effective date will not be honored.

Should there be any questions please call 285-4493.

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
MVA-RFP-14-2301

For: Legal Services for the Marianas Visitors Authority

Closing Date: **November 22, 2013** Time: **3:00 P.M.**

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
San Jose Professional Building
P.O. Box 500861
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work at the **Marianas Visitors Authority** office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., (closed 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting the **MVA** website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ MARIAN-ALDAN PIERCE
Chairman of the Board

/s/ PERRY P. TENORIO
Managing Director

2013 Las Vegas Night

PHOTOS By MARK RABAGO

Rotary Club of Saipan president Laila Y. Boyer with secretary Curtis Dancoe talk to a Texas Hold 'Em poker player during last Saturday night's 2013 Las Vegas Night at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Rotary Club of Saipan secretary Curtis Dancoe and member David Igitol helps Topnotch's Bong De La Torre drop off his ticket stubs.

Former attorney general Matthew Gregory is dressed up as a mythical creature while dead serious in the Black Jack table.

McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuy poses with two volunteers at the reception area of Las Vegas Night.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero picks the $3,000 first place prize.

Harry Blalock manned one of the Black Jack tables.

Ben Babauta wears a black skull mask while taking charge of the bingo game at the Azucena Hall.

Rotary Club of Saipan's Reina Camacho with her Marilyn Monroe impersonation.

Sexy ringmaster Joleen Sablan, left, bested two "Walking Dead" zombies in the costume content.

Two tourists show off their knife-in-the head and hypodermic needle "accessories" while smiling for the camera.

Archbishop will ordain Chamorro, Hawaiian deacons to priesthood

REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY

From left, Deacon Michael Vincent Jucutan, Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron and Deacon Luis Venancio Benavente Camacho are pictured during the elevation of the body and blood of Jesus Christ during the Diaconal Ordination on Feb. 16, 2013. Both deacons will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013, at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica in Hagatna.

YONA, Guam—On Saturday, Nov. 9, Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM Cap., D.D. will ordain Deacon Luis Venancio Benavente Camacho Jr., 28, of Guam, and Deacon Michael Vincent Jucutan, 36, of Hawaii, to the Sacred Order of Priesthood. The Mass of Ordination will take place at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in Hagatna starting at 10am.

Camacho and Jucutan have been formed at the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary in Yona. Currently, Camacho serves at the Our Lady of Peace and Safe Journey Catholic Church in Chalan Pago and Jucutan serves at the southern parishes of San Dimas Catholic Church in Malesso and San Dionisio Catholic Church in Umatac.

Camacho is a native son of Guam and will be the first Chamorro to be ordained from the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Guam and Jucutan will be the first native Hawaiian to be ordained from this seminary. They are both part of the Agana 2 Community of the NeoCatechumenal Way.

Both have received formation in a wide range of areas, including Sacred Scripture, moral and dogmatic theology, canon law, homiletics, Church history, liturgy, and pastoral ministry.

So far, the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Guam has formed 11 men who have been ordained priests beginning in 2005 with Fr. Alberto Rodriguez Salamanca (Spain); in 2008 with Fr. Jason Granado (Philippines), Fr. Antonino Caminiti (Italy), and Fr. Fabio Fiaola (Italy); in 2009 with Fr. Aurelius Stoia (Austria), Fr. Edivaldo da Silva Oliveira (Brazil), Fr. Julio César Sánchez Malagón (Colombia), and Fr. Miguel Angel Cervantes (Spain); in 2011 with Fr. Edwin Bushu (USA) and Fr. Francesco Asproni (Italy); and in 2012 with Krzysztof Szafarski (Poland).

Among these ordained priests, five now serve as pastors in local parishes in Guam, one serves as an administrator of a chapel, one serves as a parochial vicar in a local parish, one just completed his studies at the Lateran University in Rome and now teaches at the seminary, one is continuing to pursue his studies at the Lateran University in Rome, one is the Vice Rector of the Seminary who is completing his studies in Lugano, Switzerland, and one who currently is serving at the seminary. Presently, 42 seminarians from 20 nations are being formed at the seminary in Yona.

Jucutan

Camacho

Yet again our Archdiocese of Agana will bless Almighty God for the gift of men who willingly have offered their lives totally for service of God and mankind in love and joy. Our presence at this occasion will give witness to this great gift of God. Without priests we have no sacraments. And without sacraments we have no Catholic Church.

The Mass of Ordination will streamed live at http://www.aganacathedral.org/.

A *Na' Taotao Tumano* follow the Mass. All are invited to attend. ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 9th birthday to Barbara Joanny Rae! May God continue to celebrate every year that passes. We love you so much.

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Belated happy 21st birthday to Shana! We want to wish you a "Beery Happy Birthday" and many more to come. Stay beautiful as always… moose moose! Love you lots, from Joe and Hanaivy.

Western Pacific Aquaculture Co., Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following position:

Shrimp Hatchery Supervisor

Job duties: Planning and production of at least 500,000 shrimp larvae every month. Work involves shrimp broodstock selection, maturation and conditioning, breeding and larval rearing. The supervisor is also in charge in the scheduling and delegation of work to aquaculture farmers.

Job requirements: At least 2 years experience in actual L. vannamei hatchery operations. A degree in aquaculture or related field an advantage. Willing to be on call 24 hours. Good in oral and written communication and should be literate in MS Word and Excel spreadsheets.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at the Western Pacific Aquaculture Co., Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Monday, November 04, 2013.

Western Pacific Aquaculture Co., Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

POI Aviation invites qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accounting Manager (1)
Bachelor's degree in Financial Management/Accounting with 5 years of progressive experience in accounting. Airline industry experience preferred.

Administrative Services Officer (1)
Preferably a college graduate with 2 years experience as a Secretary or related line of work. Airline industry experience preferred.

Aircraft Maintenance Technician (4)
Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Must possess current US FAA A&P license.

Aircraft Maintenance Technician (4)
Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Must possess current US FAA A&P equivalent foreign license.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (2)
Diploma for technical / vocational course on automotive / diesel engines with minimum of 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines for automobiles and other specialized motorized equipment.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic Supervisor (1)
Diploma from technical / vocational course on automobile gas / diesel engines with minimum 4 years experience in electrical, electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic system and gas / diesel engine maintenance. Minimum 2 years supervisory experience.

Lead Aircraft Maintenance Technician (1)
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering graduate with 4 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Must possess current US FAA A&P license.

Lead Aircraft Service Agent (1)
High school diploma or its equivalent with 4 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning.

Lead Passenger Service Agent (3)
High school diploma or its equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger service or related field of work.

Lead Ramp Agent (2)
High school diploma or its equivalent with 4 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations.

Load Planning Specialist (1)
Associates degree with 2 years of aircraft ramp operation experience. Must possess specific airline load planner certification.

Passenger Service Manager (1)
Associates degree with 8 years of progressive airline passenger service experience and 3 years in supervisory capacity.

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 4, 2013

Applications for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the POI Aviation Building on International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport.

Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Management Accountant (2)
College degree with accounting or financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in analyzing, interpreting and providing sound financial information. Must be adept in monthly financial statement preparation and consolidation, cash flow forecasting, budgeting, and providing financial projections. Must have excellent communication, organizational and self-management skills. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft Excel, Power Point and Project. CPA not required.

Housekeeper (4)
High school diploma or GED Certificate. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

Administrative Assistant (5)
Associate's Degree. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Business Operations Manager
Graduate of a 4-year degree course and with a minimum of 8 years of professional progressive management experience and at least 4 years of general management experience in property management and building maintenance. Knowledge of lease negotiations plus financial and quality management is required. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives.

Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

Electrician
High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

General Maintenance Worker (11)
High school diploma or GED certificate or any combination of education, training, and experience which demonstrates ability to perform carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement, painting, masonry, grounds keeping, appliance repair, and electrical wiring; standard practices and use a variety of hand and power tools used in the maintenance and repair of building facilities. Must be able to work flexible hours. Can work outdoors.

Network Administration Manager
Associate's degree in any computer science, information engineering or other computer technology related areas. Must have at least 5 years of sound experience in local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, planning, designing, implementation, and user support. Must have knowledge in MS Exchange Email Server.

Engineering Manager
Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with at least 5 years of progressive management experience. Ability to successfully develop, implement and manage projects including the ability to provide effective leadership is a must. Adeptness in cost estimation and knowledge of quality control and federal regulations in environmental and occupational safety hazards is required. The duties of this job require constant outside travel and exposure to outside weather conditions. Must be able to provide his/her own transportation and must have a valid driver's license.

Sales Officer
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Legal Secretary (2)
Associates degree and at least 2 years work related experience in a legal office. Proficient in case and document management software, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Familiar in preparation and filing of pleadings and legal documents.

IT Manager
College degree with a major in computer science, computer technology or information engineering or other related areas is required. At least 5 years of progressive management experience and 8 years of sound and all-around IT technical experience is required. Must have well-developed written/oral and management skills and with a strong background in all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements.

Computer Technician
Associate's degree in any computer science, information technology or other related areas. Must have at least 3 years of sound experience in electronics and communication systems with emphasis on the repair of computer equipment and installation of telephone cables/systems. Must be knowledgeable in different software applications and in hardware troubleshooting. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Graphic Designer
Associate's degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design or other related areas. Minimum of 3 years work experience in creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, depending on demand.

Programmer Analyst (2)
Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming and at least 3 years of work-related experience in a professional Microsoft Windows environment. Strong practical knowledge in relational databases management particularly in midrange RDMS environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

Accounting Manager
College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software.

Accounting Supervisor
A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in accounting and/or finance. 2-3 years of progressive responsibility supervising a minimum of 3 associates. CPA/CPA candidate a plus. Audit experience also preferred. Must have knowledge with the use of SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge of Excel is a must.

Accountant (2)
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

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Coast Guard leads search for man overboard in Pacific

HONOLULU—The U.S. Coast Guard is coordinating a multi-agency long-range search for a 55-year-old mariner reported overboard near the Republic of Palau last Wednesday.

Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu received a forwarded Inmarsat-C phone distress call from Rescue Coordination Center Australia regarding a crewmember who was reported overboard off the motor vessel *Taipower Prosperity II* in the Philippine Sea near the Republic of Palau.

JRCC Honolulu forwarded the information to watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Guam who began searching for assets in the region available to assist in the search.

The missing mariner is reportedly the master of the ship. He was last seen Wednesday. After a thorough search of all spaces aboard the ship the master was not located and the ship made a 180-degree turn on its course tracking to begin the search.

Assets involved in the search are the *Taipower Prosperity II*, the Pacific patrol boat *Remeliik* from the Republic of Palau, and the AMVER vessel *Ocean Symphony*. Aerial searches have been conducted by an Australian P-3 Orion airplane, and a U.S. Navy CTF-72 P-3 and an SH-60 helicopter crew attached to the USS *Preble*.

A Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules airplane was launched from Air Station Barbers Point Wednesday and is currently en route to the region.

Coast Guard Sector Guam regularly coordinates with DoD, commercial vessels that are part of the AMVER program and international partners to conduct searches in the Pacific where extreme distances often limit the resources immediately available to respond. The 14th Coast Guard District area of responsibility encompasses more than 12.2 million square miles of the Central and South Pacific. ***(USCG)***

Empty Vessel Ministry thanks PIC Saipan

Empty Vessel Ministry extends its gratitude to Pacific Island Club Saipan for the San Antonio hotel's continued support for the Saipan Next Top Chef Fundraiser Competition.

"Thank you to Pacific Island Club Saipan for their support. They have helped us for the last three years since the launch of the annual Saipan Next Top Chef Fundraiser Competition. Thanks to PIC Saipan general manager Hiro Sugie and PIC's dedicated staff, especially Vicky Benavente, PIC executive assistant, who is also a volunteer of Empty Vessel Ministry," said Rose Smith, founder of the Empty Vessel Ministry and organizer of the competition.

PIC Saipan, Smith said, is allowing Empty Vessel Ministry to use Charley's Cabaret free of charge for the 2013 Saipan's Next Top Chef Competition set for Nov. 30.

The competition raises funds for Empty Vessel's outreach projects in the CNMI, Kenya, the Philippines, and Bangladesh.

Aside from Pacific Islands Club Saipan, other sponsors and supporters of the 2013 Saipan Next Top Chef Competition Fundraiser are Delta Air Lines, Hyatt Regency Saipan, McDonald's Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Tanapag Mobil, 360 Restaurant, I Love Saipan, Asiana Airlines, Coca-Cola Beverage Co. Micronesia, Wushin Corp., Joeten Group of Companies, Kagman Culinary students, Faith Works Church, 360 Church, Youth with a Mission, *Marianas Variety*, and the *Saipan Tribune*.

Tickets for the event are still available at Empty Vessel Ministry office in Gualo Rai, Empty Vessel Street market booth, and the front desk of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Empty Vessel (www.emptyvesselministry.org) is a 501(c)(3) charity and all donations are tax deductible.

For event information, call Benavente at 237-5101 or e-mail vicky.benavente@picsaipan.com. Smith can be contacted at 483-0162 or emailed at roseevm@yahoo.com. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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Rose Smith, right, founder of the Empty Vessel Ministry, presents PIC Saipan general manager Hiro Sugie with flowers in appreciation.

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Empty Vessel Ministry receives donations from Coca Cola for the Saipan Next Top Chef Fundraiser.

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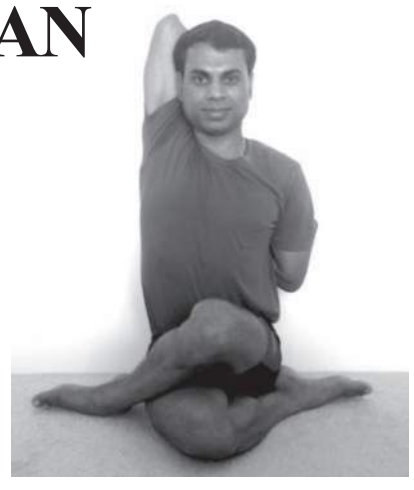
Rose Smith, right, founder of the Empty Vessel Ministry, receives a donation from Wushin Corp. for the Saipan Next Top Chef Fundraiser Competition.

YOGA SAIPAN



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Omji Santhosh is a longtime yoga practitioner with over a decade of yoga teaching experience.

Yoga is a new trend these days. Everyone has heard of yoga. It has to do with being slim and flexible, right? But what is yoga? What does yoga mean?

The word "yoga" means unity or oneness in Sanskrit. Yoga is an ancient science from India and traditionally practiced for spiritual reasons. Today, yoga is more about the science of right living. Practically speaking, yoga is a way of balancing and harmonizing the body, mind, and emotions. Modern yoga focuses on "asana"—holding your body in a posture.

Yoga is a practice that people of all walks of life can benefit from, no matter your age or fitness level. Many people think they must be fit and flexible to do yoga; that is a misunderstanding. The only "requirement" is curiosity and enthusiasm to examine your body and mind.

In the beginning, most people need to practice yoga poses until body awareness is developed. How long this takes depends on your personality and dedication. When your body and mind complex has been moving in a certain direction for long time, learning a new practice requires patience and training until your body and mind accepts this new direction. Part of practicing yoga is to develop mental strength and discipline that you carry onto other aspects of life.

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Omji Santhosh leads a yoga class at the Ni'Lala Spa in Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

The yoga scriptures list thousands of yogic techniques. Practices should be selected according to the individual's background, temperament, and lifestyle. A competent yoga teacher can help greatly in guiding a student to practice at a suitable pace, develop their own practice, and avoid injuries.

The Saipan Yogi

Ni'Lala Spa in Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan has started yoga classes by Omji Santhosh. Omji is a longtime yoga practitioner with over a decade of yoga teaching experience. Born and raised in India, Omji has studied closely with many yogis since his teenage years, and has dedicated his life to yogic study, yogic lifestyle, and sharing yoga with others.

Omji focuses on the practical application of traditional yoga science to modern living. Yoga is especially helpful in reducing stress. Omji's classes welcome beginners with no experience, yet challenges regular practitioners of yoga as well. Omji's motto: no matter you are in your life, you can benefit from yoga.

Yoga classes at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan:

- Monday to Sunday: 8am to 9am
- Monday to Saturday: 5pm to 6pm

There is a $6 fee for drop-ins or a $50 per month membership.

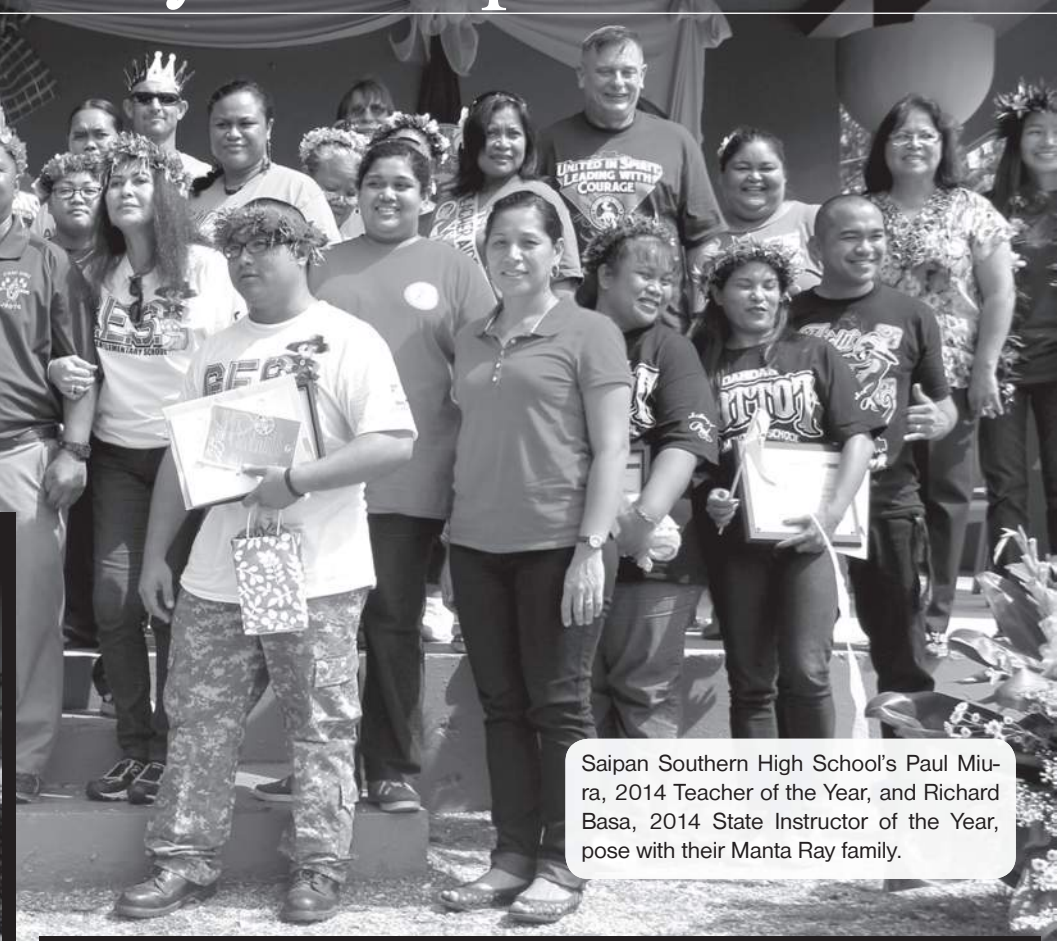
Yoga teacher-training, personal training, and group classes are available.

Contact Omji via email at omjisanthosh@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.yogasaipan.com. ***(PR)***

2013 Education Day on Saipan

PHOTOS By MARK RABAGO

Saipan Southern High School's Richard Basa, 2014 State Instructor of the Year, poses with his Manta Ray family.

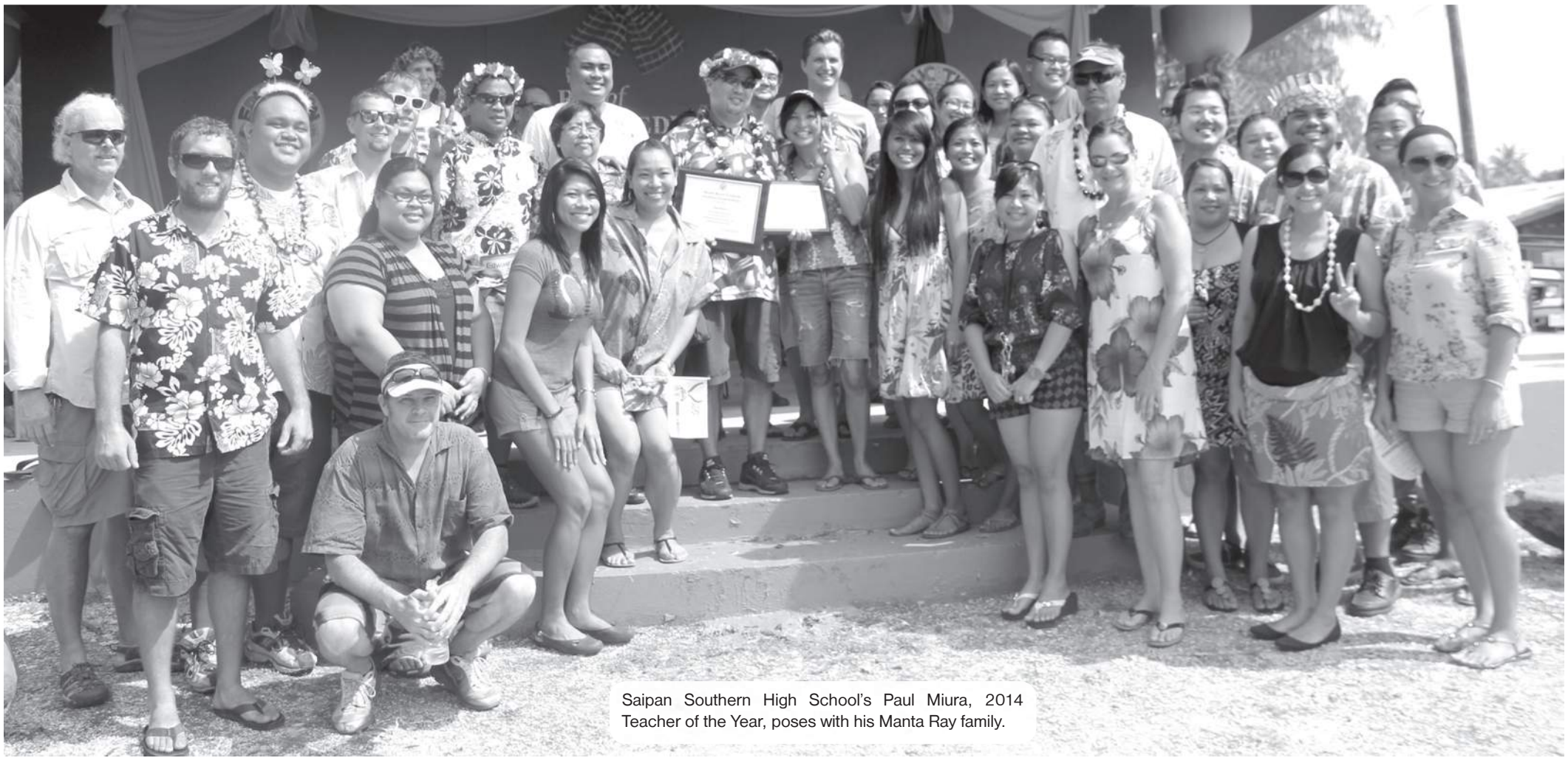


Saipan Southern High School's Paul Miura, 2014 Teacher of the Year, and Richard Basa, 2014 State Instructor of the Year, pose with their Manta Ray family.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) gives the Public School System and the Board of Education a plaque of recognition congratulating PSS on its 25th anniversary.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan thanks PSS teachers and staff for 25 successful years of public education independence in the CNMI.

Oleai Elementary School's Koniko Nakazato, 2014 State Teacher Aide of the Year, poses with her colleagues from OES.



Saipan Southern High School's Paul Miura, 2014 Teacher of the Year, poses with his Manta Ray family.

GOLF FUNDRAISER CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

In support of the upcoming Joeten Memorial Golf Classic slated for Nov. 9, 2013, at the Saipan Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort, Duty Free Shoppers president Marian Pierce, second left, presents $5,000 in in-kind donation to the tournament's organizing committee members making them a Founder's Club sponsor. Pierce is joined by DFS general manager Bruce Laorange, far left, and DFS assistant general Ben Babauta, far right. JMGC will feature a low-gross format tournament and over $100,000 in prizes. Registration fee is $95 per player inclusive of green fee, ditty bag, and lunch banquet. Lunch banquet guest fee is $25 per head. Registration forms are available at all major Joeten locations, Boarderline, The Athlete's Foot, Joeten Motors, All Star Sporting Goods, Joeten Supestore, Ace Hardware, and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. For details about the tournament, contact organizing committee chairwoman Somia Quan, third from right, at 234-6446.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†JACINTO BABAUTA MENDIOLA

of As Lito, Saipan, was called to his eternal rest at the age of 85.

August 17, 1928 – October 24, 2013

His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of His:

Children, Spouses, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren:

Margarita M. & David S. Palacios, children and grandchildren
Angelita B. Mendiola & Edward C. Pinaula, children and grandchild
Norbert B. Mendiola, children and grandchildren
Diego B. & Genie Ott-Mendiola and son
Rita M. & Regino M. Celis, children and grandchildren
Donald B. Mendiola
Edward B. Mendiola & Bertha T. Camacho, children and grandchild
Lillian M. & Manuel M. Pangelinan and son

Caregiver: Judy M. Laniba

In-laws: Maria B. Sablan, Trinidad B. Cameron, Fernando C. & Lorna Benavente, Ignacio C. & Evelyn S. Benavente, Kathy S. Benavente, Teresita B. & Jesus T. Aldan, Roman C. & Andrea Benavente

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Wife: †Sylveria B. Mendiola
Parents: †Aurelio M. & †Ana B. Mendiola
Parents-in-law: †Juan V. & †Rita C. Benavente
Brothers, sister and in-laws: †Vicente B. & †Francisca S. Mendiola, †Antonio B. & †Dolores T. Mendiola, †Sisto B. & †Francisca A. Mendiola, †Visitacion M. & †Leon T. Camacho, †Jose DLG. Sablan, †Allen Cameron, †Modesto & †Dolores B. Salas, †Luis C. Benavente

Daily Mass of Intentions is offered at 6:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church, Koblerville.

Funeral service is scheduled for Thursday, October 31, 2013. Public viewing will be held at 8:00 a.m. and Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral followed by interment at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You for your thoughts and prayers

Children & Family

NMC to host Cash for College Workshops on three islands

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting free "Cash for College" workshops to assist students and their parents maximize scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education on Rota, Saipan, and Tinian.

These free workshops will be held on Rota, Saipan and Tinian on the following dates:

- Nov. 9 (Sat.): Rota "Cash for College" Workshop, 9am-3pm, NMC Rota campus
- Nov. 9 (Sat.): Tinian "Cash for College" Workshop, 9am-1pm, NMC Tinian's Room D
- Nov. 16 (Sat.): Saipan "Cash for College" Workshop, 9am-3pm, NMC Saipan's Building A

These workshops will be ongoing sessions, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and before the end of the workshops.

At the workshops, participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, CNMI Scholarship, and the TEACH Grant. Workshop participants will also be given assistance with the NMC admission application process.

In addition, those who participate in the workshop will qualify to have their NMC application fee and placement test fees waived for the upcoming spring 2014 semester. This waiver represents a savings of up to $75.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), at least three official transcripts, signed 2012 1040 tax form (2012 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency for 2011 and 2012 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.)

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at (670) 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

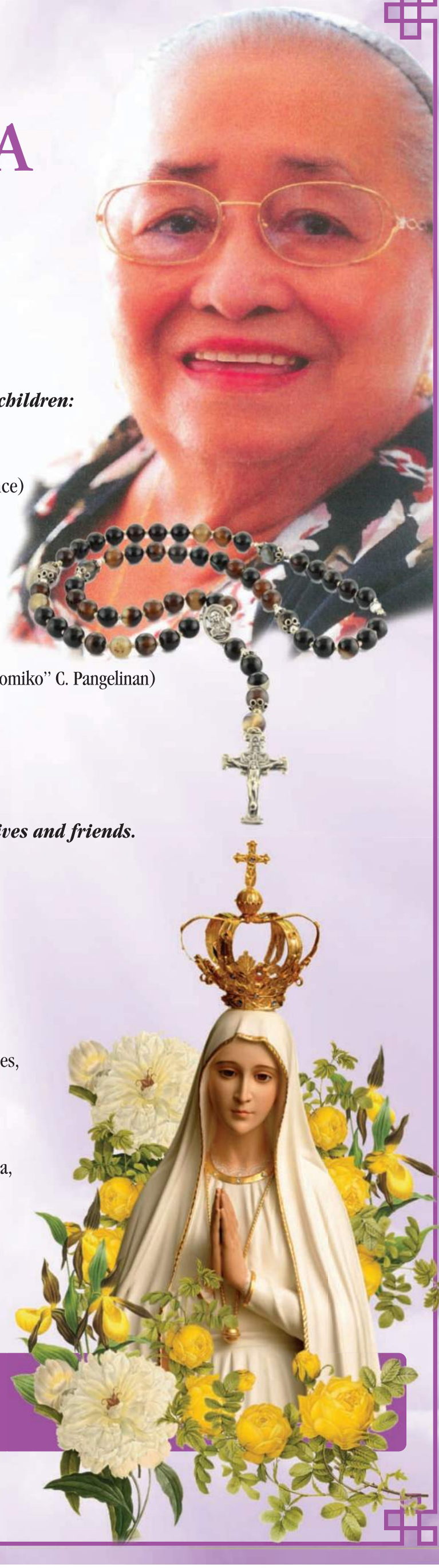
In Celebration of Her New Life

†ESCOLASTICA BORJA TUDELA CABRERA

Lovingly known as

"Esco/Tan Esco-Nan Atica" or "Mama"

of Capitol Hill, Saipan was Born to life on February 10, 1930
and was called to her eternal rest on October 21, 2013 at the age of 83.



Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of Her Children, Spouses and Grandchildren:

Linda T. Cabrera (Katrina/Froilan Jr.)
Isidoro T./Susana C. Cabrera (Isidoro Jr. "Lolo"/Kina, Shani/Carl, Antonette Esco/Roland)
Daria C./David M. Cing (Gregory/Eunmi, Grace/Gerard, Vincent/Jerra)
Millan C./Elroy Hill (Myrna/Jose, Sharon/Grafton, Daryl/Anniesha, Eloy/Maria, Esco/Lawrence)
Oliva C./Thomas M. Deleon Guerrero (Jolene/Jay Doronila, Brent)
Olinka C./Ghazanfar Chauddrey (Joshua T. Cabrera/Carmen, Shams C. Chauddrey)
Noe T. Cabrera/Carmen
Anthony T. Cabrera/Rizza Enriquez (Bridget/Ray, Jermaine/Frank, Anthony Jr.)
Gloria C. Reyes (Derek, Kaleina Carmen, Edward Jr.)
Rita T. Cabrera (Victoria Ann/Keoni)
Eleonita C. Camacho (Christopher/Dramina, Ivanka/Mike, Johnny, Milianna)
Eloy T. Cabrera
Carmen C. Pangelinan (Brenna Lyangeline T. Cabrera/Ramon G. Villagomez II, Jacqueena "Tomiko" C. Pangelinan)

and Additionally survived by 41 Great-Grandchildren

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:

Jose Borja Tudela/Flor, Livia Tudela Carothers (Kentucky), Carmen Tudela Flores,
Dr. Calistro Camacho Cabrera, Rosario S. Palacios, Victoria F. Sablan, Antonia B. Sablan

She will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, relatives and friends.

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:

Husband:	†Gregorio Camacho Cabrera
Father:	†Vicente Ramirez Tudela
Mother:	†Rita Diaz Borja Tudela
Father-In-Law:	†Ramon Taisague Cabrera
Mother-In-Law:	†Consolacion Camacho Cabrera
Granddaughters:	†Yonalyn T. Cabrera, †Verena Marie T. Cabrera
Sons-In-Law:	†Raymond Sablan Camacho, †Estevan I. Kileleman, †Joaquin "Mitch" I. Pangelinan
Sisters:	†Dolores Tudela Camacho, †Josepha Tudela Sablan, †Ana Tudela Torres, †Rosario Borja Tudela, †Remedio Borja Tudela
Sisters-In-Law:	†Theresa T. Tudela, †Maria P. Tudela, †Julia Torre, †Roberta Kesewaol, †Matilde S. Tudela, †Carmen LG. Cabrera, †Maria C. Seman, †Remedios S. Cabrera, †Lucia C. Cabrera, †Carmen C. Acosta
Brothers:	†Isidoro Borja Tudela, †Francisco Borja Tudela, †Manuel Borja Tudela, †Torcuato Borja Tudela
Brothers-In-Law:	†Sebastian T. Camacho, †Oswald C. Sablan, †Carlos Torres, †Leslie Carothers, †Agustin B. Flores, †Antonio C. Cabrera, †Joaquin M. Seman, †Jose C. Cabrera, †Francisco N. Acosta, †Nicolas Palacios, †Vicente S. Sablan, †Mariano S. Sablan

Daily Mass of Intentions is offered at 6:00 a.m. and Holy Rosary is said at 7:30 p.m.
at Kristo Rai Church, Garapan.

**Funeral Service is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2013.
Public viewing will be held at 8:30 a.m. and the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. Interment Service will follow at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.**

Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You for your thoughts and prayers.

Children and Families of the Late †Gregorio C. & †Escolastica T. Cabrera

2013 Pinktober Concert

PHOTOS BY HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Advocates and community members light candles to honor those who are battling breast cancer and those who lost the fight, at the Commonwealth Cancer Association's Pinktober Concert at Hard Rock Café in Garapan on Friday night.

Hard Rock Café crewmembers show their slick dance moves at the Pinktober Concert Friday night, an event that seeks to raise awareness about breast cancer and to help raise funds for the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

From left, emcee LJ Castro, Commonwealth Cancer Association board vice president Lauri Ogumoro and CCA program director Juan L. Babauta draw raffle tickets in between live performances at the Pinktober Concert Friday night.

Musician Jerry Alcantara, right, performs on stage, along with Saipan Southern High School's Flow Band, some members of which are Alcantara's children.

Saipan Southern High School's Flow Band belts out the latest hits for the crowd.

People dance to the island rhythm of the Alfred Saures band.

A couple joins the candlelight ceremony at the Pinktober Concert.

Violy Lapuz, of the Walden & Violy duo, sings for the crowd. Lapuz is currently battling breast cancer.

Commonwealth Cancer Association vice president Lauri Ogumoro, right, joins the candlelight ceremony at the Pinktober Concert.

Tax amnesty bill now up to governor

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Millions in back taxes that could otherwise remain uncollected are expected to flow into the government's coffer once a tax amnesty bill that the House of Representatives passed on Friday becomes law. Taxpayers have only until Jan. 1, 2014 to avail of the waiver of penalties and interests when they settle their back taxes under the bill that is now headed to Gov. Eloy S. Inos for action.

"We are not forgiving taxes owed…the government, but only waiving the penalties and interests," House Ways and Means Committee chair and bill author Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* shortly after the measure's passage.

By a vote of 18-0, House Bill 18-28, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 passed the House at 11:15am on Friday.

The bill now goes to the governor, who has been vocal about the need to pass revenue-generating bills to meet the government's increasing obligations, especially to the retirement settlement fund that requires a $25 million payment from the government in fiscal year 2014 alone, on top of other public services, the restoration of the 25 percent retirement pension cut, and interest payment on defined benefit plan contributions, among others.

Sablan said there are two ways to gain from the tax amnesty measure—the back taxes that will be collected, and the multiplier effect.

"For example, businesses that were not able to pay their taxes and had to close can now settle their back taxes and hopefully reopen their business or expand their business, without having to worry about the penalties and interests. We have the potential of collecting millions in back taxes that we would otherwise not be able to collect," Sablan added.

During the session, Sablan briefed House members about the Senate amendment to the bill, which basically excludes those who had already availed of the two previous tax amnesty programs.

The bill also underwent other changes since it was introduced. One of them shortens the program implementation, from the original proposal of up to Jan. 1, 2017, to only up to Jan. 1, 2014. The program expires on Jan. 2, 2014, if the bill becomes law.

"The committee members think that if the tax amnesty runs during a long period of time, people might wait for the last minute to avail of the program; whereas if it's only for a short time, we would know right away how many and how much has been settled. This would also help the government in projecting revenues," he added.

The bill's proponents said a tax amnesty program is the "most cost-effective" way for the government to collect tax revenue during difficult economic times and one that is "better than writing off" debts to the government.

If this bill becomes law, this would only be the third time that the CNMI government will provide a tax amnesty. They were done in 2001 and 2005.

Under a tax amnesty program, penalties and interests on unpaid or unreported taxes are waived. However, they still have to pay the original tax liabilities. It allows taxpayers to voluntarily come forward and take action to comply with tax laws.

The tax amnesty does not apply to persons against whom a criminal or civil action has been initiated and is pending for any violation of CNMI tax laws or any person being investigated for fraud; any person who has been convicted of tax fraud; any person whose source of income is illegal; and any person who fraudulently files a special return under this Act.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has been opposed to any tax amnesty bill, saying erring businesses need not be rewarded, among other things.

Other bills passed

Besides the tax amnesty bill, the House passed three other bills on Friday. They are headed to the Senate for action.

They included HB 18-106, HD1, authorizing the use of a one-half inch net mesh to catch bigeye scad or "atulai," and to allow net fishing for goat fish or "tiao" during their seasonal run on Rota. The bill, authored by Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), passed by a vote of 17-0.

The House also passed by a vote of 18-0 Rep. Ray Tebuteb's (Ind-Saipan) HB 18-4, HS1 at 11:06am. The bill allows the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation to appropriate the Managaha landing fee.

Also by a vote of 18-0, Tebuteb's HB 18-39 passed the House at 11:39am on Friday. The bill authorizes the assessment of parking meter fees, requires segregation of fees collected by senatorial districts, and authorizes local appropriation of those fees.

Members said it's about time that the government makes use of the parking meters installed in the tourist district of Garapan years back but have since remained idle, to generate revenue for other tourism projects, among other things.

CUC directed to put up $866,000 to complete oil pipeline project

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Despite a $2-million-plus grant from the Interior Department, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. still needs at least $866,000 in contingency fund for the construction of a new oil pipeline.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter ordered CUC last week to create that contingency fund no later than April 30, 2014.

"If the amount is raised through increased rates, then any balance remaining after project completion shall be rebated back to consumers," Carter said after a status conference.

The CUC pipeline is an eight-inch aboveground receiving pipeline in Lower Base that delivers fuel from the Mobil oil facility to CUC power plants 1 and 2 in Lower Base.

Until the pipeline is properly repaired or replaced, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says it poses a threat to surrounding waters.

At the conference, the judge heard presentations from CUC's pipeline engineer, David Vanderpool of Vanderpool Pipeline Engineers Inc., CUC's pipeline construction contractor, Smithbridge Guam Inc., and from the U.S. government.

After considering the presentations and CUC's written submittals, Carter underscored the importance for CUC to set aside a contingency funding based on the urgent need to move forward with the construction and commissioning phases of the project, and to ensure that these phases are completed without further delay.

Carter said the need for contingency funding is further supported by a finding that CUC, a non-for-profit governmental corporation, has been unable to accumulate reserves through its current rates and the collection of CNMI government receivables.

The judge ordered CUC to issue by Nov. 4, 2013, a notice to proceed to all three contractors, and by Nov. 30, 2013, to hold a pipeline construction contractor kickoff meeting and project review, and begin construction planning.

CUC was also directed by Jan. 6, 2014, to prepare and execute change orders; to begin pipeline construction by Feb. 28, 2014; and complete construction and commence pipeline testing and commissioning by July 3, 2014.

By July 17, 2014, the judge said, the pipeline shall be commissioned and by Aug. 30, 2014, CUC shall complete demolition of the old pipeline and project certification and close out.

EPA and CUC first agreed to complete the pipeline project by Feb. 24, 2011, then moved the deadline to June 1, 2011, then to March 15, 2012, and Jan. 25, 2013. CUC completed the design, but failed to build the pipeline by the extended deadline.

VINTAGE ORDNANCE U.S. NAVY/JESSE LEON GUERRERO

NIMITZ HILL, Guam–Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, EODMU-5 Detachment Marianas and Joint Region Marianas, as well as members of Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense look over a World War II five-inch round that has been rendered safe in the jungles of Turner Road, also known as Channel 10, in Nimitz Hill on Oct. 23. EODMU-5 Det. Marianas identified the round and disrupted its fuse by shearing it off after being notified that it was found by a hiker and was possibly unexploded ordnance.

Girlfriend living rent-free racks up bill of resentment

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am divorced, successful, and the father of two teenage girls. I have been seeing my girlfriend, "Stella," for a year and a half. She also has two teenage daughters. When we met, Stella's divorce was becoming final, and her house was near the tail end of a foreclosure. The sheriff removed her from her home a few months later.

I bought a couple of condos and let Stella choose one she wanted to move into. She agreed she would pay the bills and some rent once she settled in.

Two weeks after she moved in, she quit her job. It has been almost a year, and she hasn't gone on one job interview. I pay all her bills now, and I'm getting resentful.

It's not the money (I've got plenty), but I feel she continues to see me only so she can live rent-free. Our communication isn't the greatest, and she gets angry if this topic is brought up. How should I approach her without sounding like a cheapskate?

DON'T WANT TO BE A SUGAR DADDY IN CHICAGO

DEAR SUGAR DADDY: Of course she gets angry! Have you never heard the saying, "The best defense is a strong offense"?

If you want to resolve this, you must be prepared for Stella to react negatively. Start the conversation by saying, "When you moved into my condo, you agreed to pay your own bills and some rent. It's been a year, and you haven't even looked for a job." Then give her a date by which you want her to move out.

Because she has been living there for some time, she may have certain tenant's rights that will have to be respected. It doesn't take a crystal ball to see that you will probably have to evict her—so talk to your attorney before you discuss this with Stella.

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DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a 31-year-old son, "Johann," who is in the Navy. He just posted a picture of himself in his uniform on Facebook. I am praying it's not his official photo, because he made an incredibly stupid face on it.

He used to do this when he was a child. Even his high school photos look like this. It is embarrassing to me! I could never show it to anyone and proudly say, "This is my son."

Johann is an accomplished young man, a supervisor. But I can't reconcile this picture with the man he is. What can I do?

FREAKED OUT IN GERMANY

DEAR FREAKED OUT: Your son is an adult. If he is making this expression in photographs on purpose, perhaps it's time you asked him why. While it may be a display of immaturity on his part, it could also be that he is uncomfortable in front of a camera. (Many people are. It's referred to as "deer-in-the-headlights" syndrome.)

Explain that you would love to have a picture of him that depicts how he REALLY is, and ask if he would be willing, as a favor to his mother, to sit for a session with a professional photographer when he comes home for a visit. If he isn't, then perhaps he'd be more relaxed posing for a photo that YOU take.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiancee, "Tina," and I made a resolution to lose weight for our wedding. Everything has been going great except for one thing. Because men lose weight faster than women, I now weigh less at 6 foot 1 than she does at 5 feet 4.

Tina already has self-esteem issues. I want to look good for our wedding, but not at the cost of my fiancee's hurt feelings. What can I do?

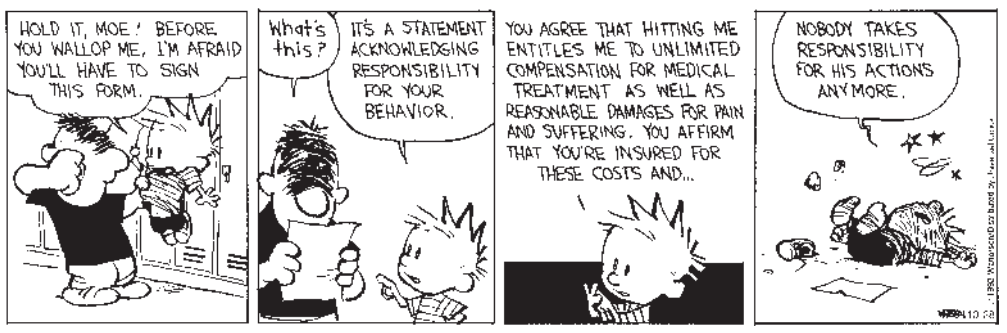
AT A LOSS IN MICHIGAN

DEAR AT A LOSS: Continue being supportive and help Tina to maintain her self-esteem. But her weight issue is her responsibility, not yours. If she becomes frustrated or depressed that she isn't losing quickly enough, suggest she consult her doctor or a registered dietitian about the reason why.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HOLD IT, MOE! BEFORE YOU WALLOP ME, I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO SIGN THIS FORM.
What's this?
IT'S A STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR BEHAVIOR.
YOU AGREE THAT HITTING ME ENTITLES ME TO UNLIMITED COMPENSATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AS WELL AS REASONABLE DAMAGES FOR PAIN AND SUFFERING. YOU AFFIRM THAT YOU'RE INSURED FOR THESE COSTS AND...
NOBODY TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ACTIONS ANYMORE.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

DAD, I HAVE A NEW IDEA FOR MY COSTUME.
OKAY.
WILL YOU BE OPEN-MINDED?
UH-OH. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?
MILEY CYRUS.
THEN HOT COFFEE SHOT OUT OF HIS NOSE.
I THOUGHT I SMELLED DARK-ROASTED NOSE HAIR.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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14 Yoko of music
15 Medical rarity nowadays
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19 Walk lightly
21 Frodo, for one
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31 Sharp turns
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35 Bowling ball's path
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1 Scrooge's cry
2 Swelled head
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4 Having great views
5 Found
6 Carte intro
7 Battery inventor Alessandro
8 Sign up
9 1997 Jamie Foxx movie
10 Data
11 Overdo the TLC
16 Weep loudly
20 Dr. McGraw
21 Harass, frat-style
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23 Reveille or taps
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30 Start a garden
32 Ailing
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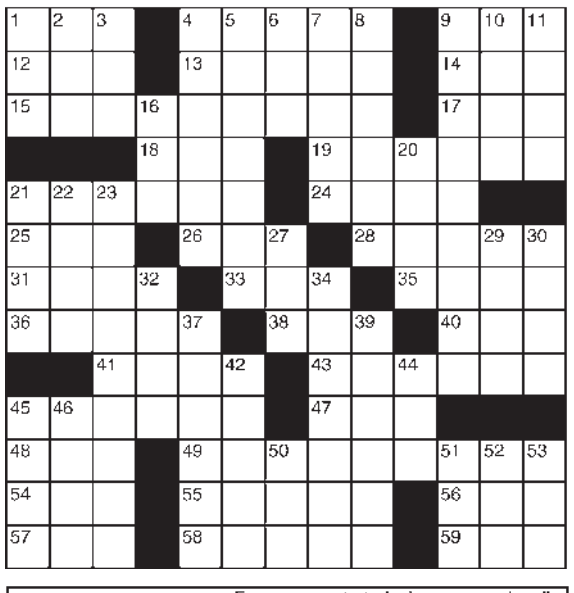

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Obstruction call gives Cardinals win in Game 3

ST. LOUIS (AP)—No way Allen Craig and the St. Louis Cardinals would get tripped up in one of the wildest World Series endings imaginable.

A rare obstruction call on third baseman Will Middlebrooks let Craig score with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, finishing off a mad-cap play that sent the Cardinals over the Boston Red Sox 5-4 Saturday night for a 2-1 Series lead.

"I'm in shock right now," St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina said.

So was most everyone at Busch Stadium.

The Cardinals poured from the dugout to congratulate Craig. The Red Sox also rushed to the plate, to argue with the umpires. The fans seemed too startled to cheer.

A walk-off win? More like a trip-off.

"Tough way to have a game end, particularly of this significance," Red Sox manager John Farrell said.

After an umpire's call was the crux of Game 1 and a poor Boston throw to third base helped decide Game 2, this night combined both elements.

Molina singled with one out in the ninth off losing pitcher Brandon Workman. Craig, just back from a sprained foot, pinch-hit and lined Koji Uehara's first pitch into left field for a double that put runners on second and third.

With the infield in, Jon Jay hit a grounder to diving second baseman Dustin Pedroia. He made a sensational stab and threw home to catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia, who tagged out the sliding Molina.

But then Saltalamacchia threw wide of third trying to get Craig. The ball glanced off Middlebrooks' glove and Craig's body, caroming into foul territory down the line.

After the ball got by, Middlebrooks, lying on his stomach, raised both legs and tripped Craig, slowing him down as he tried to take off for home.

"I just know I have to dive for that ball. I'm on the ground. There's nowhere for me to go," Middlebrooks said.

Third base umpire Jim Joyce immediately signaled obstruction.

"With the defensive player on the ground, without intent or intent, it's still obstruction," Joyce said. "You'd probably have to ask Middlebrooks that one, if he could have done anything. But that's not in our determination."

Craig kept scrambling.

"He was in my way. I couldn't tell you if he tried to trip me or not. I was just trying to get over him," he said.

Left fielder Daniel Nava retrieved the ball and made a strong throw home, where Saltalamacchia tagged a sliding Craig in time. But plate umpire Dana DeMuth signaled safe and then pointed to third, making clear the obstruction had been called.

"I was excited at first because we nailed the guy at home. I wasn't sure why he was called safe," Middlebrooks said.

"We're all running to home to see why he was called safe. We didn't think there was any obstruction there, obviously. As I'm getting up, he trips over me. I don't know what else to say."

Said Cardinals slugger Matt Holliday: "You hate for it to end on a somewhat controversial play."

"You would like for it to end a little cleaner, but that's part of it," he said.

Joyce and crew chief John Hirschbeck said they'd never seen a similar game-ending play.

A neat coincidence, though: In 2004, umpire Paul Emmel called obstruction on Seattle shortstop Jose Lopez, ruling he blocked Carl Crawford's sightline and giving Tampa Bay the game-ending run. Emmel was the first base umpire on this night, too.

To some Red Sox fans, the tangle might've brought back painful memories from the 1975 World Series. In Game 3, Cincinnati's Ed Armbrister wasn't called for interference by plate umpire Larry Barnett when he blocked Boston catcher Carlton Fisk on a 10th-inning bunt. Fisk made a wild throw, setting up Joe Morgan's winning single.

Craig returned for this Series from a sprained left foot that had sidelined him since early September. After an awkward slide on the final play, he hobbled off the field in apparent discomfort.

The Red Sox scored twice in the eighth to tie it 4-all. Jacoby Ellsbury led off with a single and Shane Victorino was hit by a pitch for the sixth time this postseason. Both runners moved up on Pedroia's groundout, and David Ortiz was intentionally walked.

Cardinals manager Mike Matheny went to hard-throwing closer Trevor Rosenthal with the bases loaded, hoping for a five-out save from a rookie who has looked almost untouchable this October. But the Red Sox pushed two runs across.

Nava drove in one with a short-hop grounder that was smothered by second baseman Kolten Wong, who had just entered on defense in a double-switch.

Wong went to second for the forceout, but Nava beat the relay and Ellsbury scored to make it 4-3. Xander Bogaerts tied it when he chopped a single up the middle.

Workman jammed Holliday and retired the slugger on a routine fly with two on to end the bottom of the eighth. That sent the game to the ninth tied at 4. Rosenthal wound up with the win.

Holliday's two-run double put the Cardinals on top 4-2 in the seventh.

It was a tough inning for Red Sox reliever Craig Breslow. Matt Carpenter reached safely when he checked his swing on an infield single to shortstop. Carlos Beltran was grazed on the elbow pad by a pitch - making no effort to get out of the way.

Beltran, in fact, almost appeared to stick his elbow out just a tiny bit to make sure the ball made contact.

Junichi Tazawa came on and Holliday pulled a grounder past Middlebrooks at third. The ball kicked into the left-field corner and Holliday went all the way to third on the throw to the plate.

Tazawa then got a couple of strikeouts and prevented further damage.

It was Middlebrooks' first inning in the field. He entered as a pinch-hitter in the top of the seventh and took over at third base in the bottom half.

That shifted Bogaerts to shortstop - and neither one was able to make the difficult defensive play Boston needed in that inning.

Cardinals starter Joe Kelly, one of the few major league pitchers to wear glasses on the mound, set down his first nine batters. The Red Sox seemed to see him better the next time around in coming back from a 2-0 deficit.

Bogaerts opened the fifth with a triple that banged-up right fielder Beltran couldn't quite reach. The rookie later scored on a grounder by pinch-hitter Mike Carp.

Slumping Shane Victorino drew a leadoff walk from Kelly in the sixth and wound up scoring the tying run. Ortiz grounded a single off lefty reliever Randy Choate, and Nava greeted Seth Maness with an RBI single that made it 2-all.

Their fielding woes from Game 1 far behind them, the slick-fielding Cardinals made several sharp plays. Kelly barehanded a one-hopper, Carpenter threw out a runner from his knees up the middle and third baseman David Freese backhanded a line drive.

St. Louis quickly broke ahead, scoring in the first inning for the first time this October on RBI singles by Holliday and Molina. After the Cardinals got three hits in a span of four pitches, Red Sox reliever Felix Doubront began heating up in a hurry before Jake Peavy settled down.

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St. Louis Cardinals' Allen Craig gets tangled with Boston Red Sox's Will Middlebrooks during the ninth inning of Game 3 of baseball's World Series Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013, in St. Louis. Middlebrooks was called for obstruction on the play and Craig went in to score the game-winning run. The Cardinals won, 5-4, to take a 2-1 lead in the series.

Umpire: Made call 'immediately and instinctually'

ST. LOUIS (AP) —Jim Joyce didn't even have to think.

''The feet were up in the air,'' the umpire said, ''and immediately and instinctually I called obstruction.''

Best known for a blown call at first base in 2010 that cost Detroit's Armando Galarraga a perfect game, Joyce made the controversial call that gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 5-4 win over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday night and a 2-1 World Series lead.

Boston third baseman Will Middlebrooks was flat on his stomach when he raised both legs and tripped up Allen Craig in the ninth inning. Joyce immediately called obstruction, making it immaterial that left fielder Daniel Nava retrieved catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia's errant throw and got the ball home in time for a tag.

''There does not have to be intent, OK?'' crew chief John Hirschbeck said. ''Once he has the opportunity to field the ball, he can no longer in any way obstruct the runner. That's basically the rule.''

In Joyce's view, Middlebrooks would have been called for obstruction even if he hadn't raised his legs.

''The feet didn't play too much into that because he was still in the area where the baserunner needs to go to advance to home plate,'' the umpire said. ''The baserunner has every right to go unobstructed to home plate, and unfortunately for Middlebrooks he was right there. And there was contact, so he could not advance to home plate naturally.''

Joyce, a 58-year-old veteran of a quarter-century in the major leagues, made the right decision, according to Major League Baseball officials and Hirschbeck.

''Immediately after we got off the field into our locker room, we congratulated Jim and said, 'Great call,'" the crew chief explained. ''We're trained to look for these things. It's out of the ordinary, but when it happens, and it's the World Series, you expect to get it right.

Wallach interviewed for Tigers' opening

DETROIT (AP)—Los Angeles Dodgers third base coach Tim Wallach has been interviewed for the Detroit Tigers' managerial opening.

Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski confirmed Saturday that Wallach and Lloyd McClendon have been both interviewed for the job. McClendon is Detroit's hitting coach.

The Tigers have won three straight AL Central titles, but they need a new manager after Jim Leyland stepped down following eight seasons at the helm.

Wallach managed the Dodgers' Triple-A affiliate in Albuquerque in 2009 and 2010.

McClendon has been a member of Detroit's staff ever since Leyland took over, and he also has managerial experience in the majors. He managed the Pittsburgh Pirates from 2001-05.

Meanwhile, Nationals ace Stephen Strasburg has had bone chips removed from his surgically repaired right elbow.

The team said Bryce Harper and Adam LaRoche also had operations this week. Harper had the bursa in his left knee repaired after it had hampered him last season. LaRoche had his left, throwing elbow cleaned up.

Strasburg, who had Tommy John surgery on his elbow three years ago, missed most of the 2011 season recovering from it. He had his innings limited in 2012 by the Nationals. His surgery was done in Los Angeles, and Strasburg is expected to be ready in time for spring training.

LaRoche and Harper are also expected to be ready by spring.

Contract extension for Kobe in the works

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Los Angeles Lakers executive vice president of basketball operations Jim Buss, tsaid Friday that star Kobe Bryant is not going anywhere.

Bryant, 35, is entering the final year of his contract and is set to make an NBA-high $30.5 million salary. He will be eligible for free agency next July 1.

Further complicating matters is that Bryant tore his left Achilles tendon in April and there is still no timetable on his return. The Lakers open the season Tuesday against the Los Angeles Clippers.

"I want to put an end to any speculation that we would allow Kobe to become a free agent," Buss said. "That's not going to happen. Kobe is a top priority for us. He's a Laker legend and always will be. I don't think we're done winning championships with him yet.

Steve Blake scored 13 of his 19 points in the third quarter, Pau Gasol and Nick Young each had 16, and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Utah Jazz 111-106 Friday night in the preseason finale for both teams.

Gordon Hayward led Utah with 18 points and seven rebounds, and Alec Burks had 18 off the bench. Rudy Gobert got 12 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter to help the Jazz keep it close.

A moment of silence was observed at Honda Center for Hall of Famer Bill Sharman, who coached the Lakers to their first NBA championship in Los Angeles in 1971-72 - when they won a franchise-record 69 games and a league-record 33 in a row.

Sharman died Friday at age 87 after suffering a stroke last Saturday. He had been a special consultant with the organization for the previous 23 seasons.

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In this Oct. 21, 2012, file photo, Los Angeles Lakers, from left, Steve Nash, Dwight Howard, Metta World Peace, Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol, of Spain, pause during the second half of a preseason NBA basketball game against the Sacramento Kings in Los Angeles. Just three years removed from their last championship, the Lakers are a team in transition.

Trailing by 15 points after three, the Jazz got as close as 100-96 on Lester Hudson's 3-pointer with 5:41 remaining.

Hayward led Utah to a 53-51 halftime lead with 16 points, eight of them at the end of a 19-2 run that turned an 11-point deficit into a 48-42 advantage with 2:27 left in the second quarter.

But the Lakers opened the third with a 20-6 run that put them ahead 71-59, and they increased the margin to 88-73 on Blake's 3-pointer with 8.4 seconds left in the quarter.

The Lakers finished the preseason 4-4. It was their first training camp under coach Mike D'Antoni, who was hired five games into last season after the team started out 1-4 under Mike Brown.

The Lakers open the regular season Tuesday night against the Clippers, who won all four meetings last season.

Utah will host Oklahoma City in its opener on Wednesday night after finishing its exhibition schedule a league-worst 1-7.

''I'm looking forward to it," coach Tyrone Corbin said. ''We've made some great strides in the exhibition season. We're starting over in some ways, so performance and consistency is going to be a key for us, along with how we're going to perform in certain situations.

''It's going to be different and there's going to be a lot of adjustments, so we have to make sure we stay on top of it and keep ourselves growing as much as we can."

Neymar scores in first 'El Clasico'

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Neymar scored one goal and set up Alexis Sanchez's winning chip shot in the 78th minute, carrying Barcelona past Real Madrid 2-1 in the first ''clasico'' since the defending champions added Neymar and Real signed Gareth Bale.

With Lionel Messi oddly quiet for Barcelona, Neymar opened the scoring in the 19th minute from close range after a pass from Andres Iniesta. Two minutes earlier, Neymar struck the ball into the arms of Madrid goalkeeper Diego Lopez with the game's first shot.

''Scoring a goal in a clasico is very special," Neymar said. ''It's a game that everyone wants to play. It was like a dream come true."

Neymar received an ovation when he was substituted with six minutes to go after a match in which the Brazilian striker clearly outshone Bale.

Neymar joined Barcelona this offseason for $76 million, a player who could represent the team's future in a distant post-Messi era. Bale, an attacking midfielder from Wales, signed with Real Madrid for a sum reported variously at $120 million and $132 million.

Barcelona coach Gerardo Martino, also making his clasico debut, was careful not to overpraise Neymar, while also giving credit to Messi for his work in defense.

''The transcendence of this game and the goal he scored magnified the level of his performance," Martino said about Neymar. ''But I think he has had better games than tonight. As far as what (Messi) did for the team to recover the ball, I give him a superlative mark."

Bale failed to produce a shot on goal before being replaced by Karim Benzema with a half hour to go. Bale was limited to a pair of harmless long attempts that sailed high as Madrid failed to muster a shot on target until a minute before halftime.

Bale was making his second start of the season since being hampered by muscle injuries, but didn't prove effective in attack with Cristiano Ronaldo.

Benzema hit the woodwork before Sanchez took Neymar's pass and sealed the victory with an exquisite chip. Substitute Jese Rodriguez scored for Madrid in injury time on a counterattack.

Barcelona now has nine victories and one draw in the Spanish league, lifting it four points ahead of Atletico Madrid, which hosts Real Betis on Sunday.

Madrid is now six points back amid fresh doubts about the team under new coach Carlo Ancelotti following losses to both its league challengers. It lost 1-0 to Atletico last month.

''I think we showed good football in front of a fantastic team," Ancelotti said after his first clasico. ''Of course, we want to win this kind of game but at this moment it was a good test. We are improving."

London success means no Europe or Super Bowl yet

LONDON (AP)—NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell says the NFL's overseas success doesn't mean the Super Bowl is crossing the Atlantic or that the league is going back to continental Europe.

Goodell said the expansion from two to three NFL regular season games starting next season has the league exploring how to continue growing its International Series brand. More games could come to London, which will need a franchise before it can even dream of hosting the Super Bowl. And that is some time away.

''We don't have a timetable for (a London franchise). We want to continue building interest, and if it continues to go well we believe a franchise could be here. The Super Bowl won't be played anywhere where we don't have a franchise," Goodell said on Saturday.

''Right now, our focus is on the U.K. since the European fans can get here. We want to build on our success here, and whether it leads to a permanent franchise or not, then we can see. What happens here will dictate that."

The NFL created a European league in the 1990's that had teams based in in the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, and Spain, before it folded in 2007.

Goodell said demand from NFL teams to play in London was more than it could handle, and that a game could be held in Sunday prime-time hours next year. Monday and Thursday night games in London have been ruled out, as has holding preseason games or the Pro Bowl overseas.

Goodell applauded the Jacksonville Jaguars for embracing the International Series, with the Florida-based team signed up to play four regular season ''home" games at Wembley Stadium over four years. The first is on Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers.

''Jacksonville is an interesting experiment. I think fans there see that it's good for their community, that it's putting Jacksonville on a global stage," Goodell said while addressing some Jaguars fans complaints about losing one home game over these four seasons. ''Whenever there is going to be change, there is going to be resistance to change."

Goodell met with a selection of NFL fans alongside 49ers great Joe Montana and former Jaguars offensive lineman Tony Boselli on Saturday.

The enthusiasm of overseas NFL fans was palpable inside the Grand Ballroom of the Landmark Hotel, with a scattering of NFL team jerseys in the audience featuring names such as Brady, Kaepernick, Bettis and even Tebow.

So while local fans are enjoying the experiment, they are not expecting a London-based franchise to arrive any time soon.

''It's a minority sport here, you don't see people out in the park throwing an American football around. It's all about this spectacle. I won't wear this jersey unless there's an event on," said 42-year-old Jonathan Gardner, clad in his orange Denver Broncos jersey featuring John Elway's No. 7.

While Gardner was beaming at being in a room surrounded by so many fellow football fans and the presence of Montana, he was weary that the future would feature anything beyond regular season visits.

''I don't see a franchise coming here," said Gardner, who played amateur football in his native Belfast as a teenager. ''Football still has to overcome a load of prejudices here, many people think they aren't real athletes and compare them to rugby players, who are just as physical but don't need pads."

Goodell fielded questions about the Washington Redskins name controversy (''we have to listen to people with a different viewpoint and we are doing that"); the idea of women being involved in the NFL (''there will be a woman official on the field in the next year or so"); and the prospects of a Los Angeles franchise (''we've got to it right, we're not going to go back there until it's ready").

I Love Saipan gets first victory

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I Love Saipan snapped its two-game losing skid, following an 87-77 win over Maplas in the curtain raiser in the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

I Love Saipan played better in the second half and leaned on Mike Olaitiman's consistent scoring to bag its first victory in three games. Olaitiman had a team-high 30 points, making 13 of them in the fourth quarter to turn a 3-point lead at the end of the third to the 10-point winning margin.

Olaitiman also drew enough help from Gyles Ruluked, who contributed 17 points, and his four other teammates. Bryan Lontoc and Leonard Cristobal added 9 apiece, while Derrick Manglona and Bryan Mendoza tallied 7 each.

Christian Devero led all scorers with a season-high 41 points . He had a dozen right after the first period, which ended in a deadlock, 18-all, and continued to anchor Maplas' offense in the second canto for their 45-42 halftime lead. Devero drilled 10 more points in the second frame.

Devero was still at it in the third period, but Olaitiman and Ruluked teamed up to counter his scoring and put I Love Saipan in the driver's seat, 61-58. Ruluked nailed I Love Saipan's first 5 points at the start of the second half, while Olaitiman picked up the slack past the halfway mark of the third and logged 7 markers

Olaitiman kept going in the fourth and his relentless effort rubbed off on his teammates, as five other I Love Saipan players also made it to the board in the payoff canto. I Love Saipan recorded 26 points, its biggest output in the single quarter, while Maplas had only 19 with bulk of its points still coming from Devero.

Meanwhile, Chinatown battled Fong's Bakery in the second game last Saturday and results will be reported in *Saipan Tribune*'s Tuesday edition.

I Love Saipan 87 – Olaitiman 30, Ruluked 17, Lontoc 9, Cristobal 9, Manglona 7, Mendoza 7.

Maplas 77 – Devero 41, Mendoza 14, Lauron 8, M. Usi 6, Tenorio 4, Aniciete 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-18, 42-45, 61-58, 87-77.

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I Love Saipan's Leonard Cristobal, second right, challenges the reverse layup of Maplas' Christian Devero during the first quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Rota Blue Triathlon set for Nov. 16

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Swimmers take off at the sound of the horn during the 19th Annual Rota Blue Triathlon in Sasanhaya Bay on Nov. 17, 2012.

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and Rota municipality will host the 20th Annual Rota Blue Triathlon on Nov. 16.

Regional and international triathletes are expected to return for the annual Ironman event, featuring the pristine, tropical environment and warm island hospitality of the island of Rota. The triathlon features two distances: an A-type half-marathon distance, which includes a 1.5 km swim, followed by a 40 km rigorous biking course and a 10 km run (no time limit) and the B-type Olympic distance, which includes a 2.0 km swim, followed by a 90 km biking course and topped off with a 21 km run (8-hour time limit).

For team competitors, there will also be triathlon of the A-type distance, again with no time limit. The event is also sponsored by Kiyokazu Fitness Club of Japan and the Rota Mayor's Office

"Two decades ago, the Rota Blue Triathlon was inaugurated to highlight the unparalled natural beauty and hospitality of the Rota community," MVA community projects manager Martin Duenas said. "The fact that the triathlon is still going strong 20 years later shows those milestones on Nov. 16."

Pre-registration will be held on Nov. 15, from 11am to 12:30pm at the Bay Breeze Restaurant & Bar. The swim course inspection will be held the same day from 1-2pm. at the East Harbor. Final registration will take place that evening from 4:30-8pm at Rota Resort & Country Club's Sunset BBQ Tiki Tiki.

The pre-race briefing for all participants will be held that evening from 6-7:30pm. Starting time for both distances is 6:30am at Rota's East Harbor. Wetsuits are permitted, while bike helmets are required. Registration fees are $80 for A-type course solo competitors and $70 for each member in a team. The fee for the B-type course is $100. The entry fee includes and event t-shirt, high-quality swim cap, and an invitation to the awards banquet at East Harbor.

Japanese competitors swept most top spots in the triathlon last year. In a field of 114, Tomokazu Fukushima of Japan bested the competition to win the top spot in the 19th Annual Rota Blue Triathlon on Nov. 17. Fukushima was the first male finisher of the 1.5K swim, 40K bike, and 10K run, crossing the finish line of the picturesque course in 2:13:14. The top female finisher in the A-type course was Sonoko Matsubara of Japan.

The annual Rota Blue Triathlon is one of four major triathlon events held in the Northern Mariana Islands. The three other races are the XTERRA Saipan Championship, Tagaman Triathlon and the Tinian Turquoise Blue events.

For more information about the annual triathlon, please contact Martin Duenas at 1-670- 664-3200 /02 or mduenas@mymarianas.com, or Sandra Atalig at the MVA Rota Office at 1.670-532-0327. ***(PR)***

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advantage, 63-53. Mendoza and Pangelinan scored 7 points apiece in the third, while Rebuyon chipped in 6.

Pangelinan drilled Blue Haus' last 5 points in the third period and he remained on target in the fourth, pouring 15 more markers to finish with a game-high 30. Mendoza and Rebuyon also had twin digits with 13 and 10, respectively, while Junar Guiab completed Blue Haus' balance scoring, contributing 14.

Mike Surima top-scored for Shakir with his 21 points, while Joselino Canoy added 20, but was scoreless in the fourth quarter. Canoy's triples in the first half and Surima's layups kept Shakir Realty in the game in the first half before the team lost its chances of ending a three-game slid in the second half, as it did not have enough manpower to battle the much deeper bench of the streaking Blue Haus.

Laguna 100, Degree 96

Laguna/Erika's Catering is also on a roll after beating D&E Degree in the first game

Laguna zoomed to its third straight win after dropping its debut against Blue Haus, while Degree ended the first round of the double-round robin regular season a losing skid, dropping to a 3-2 slate for third place. Laguna moved up to solo second with its 3-1 card.

Jun Tabora and Rodney Catalla prevailed in a shootout against Degree's gunners to help Laguna eke out the 4-point win. Tabora exploded for 43 points, sealing their win after scoring Laguna's last 5 points, three of them came from clutch free throws.

Catalla chipped in 30 and made seven triples. He dropped trey long bombs in the first period, powering Laguna to a 24-17 lead. Laguna kept the upper hand in the second canto, 51-47, as Catalla added two more treys and Tabora nailed 10 points.

Despite Catalla and Tabora's hot shooting, Degree still faced a manageable deficit at halftime, as Ferdie Tobias, Alex Ocampo also hit their marks in the first 20 minutes of play. Degree even forced a standoff at the end of the third, 76-all, with Tobias and Ocampo drilling the team's last two baskets in that period.

However, Degree simply could not stop Tabora from doing the damage on offense, as the Laguna shooter scored 15 big points in the payoff canto to hand its foe back-to-back losses

First Game

Laguna 100 —Tabora 43, Catalla 30, Guinto 9, Zapata 6, Alipio 3, Darag 2, Geli 2, Barrozo 2.

D&E Degree 96 – Tobias 26, Ocampo 22, Cosino 16, Jinang 7, de la Torre 6, Drilon 6, Valdez 4, Pablo 3.

Scoring by quarters: 24-17, 51-47, 76-76, 100-96.

Second Game

Blue Haus 101 – Pangelinan 30, Guiab 14, Mendoza 13, Rebuyon 10, G. Palacuos 7, F. Palacios 6, Manabat 6, Factor 4, Santos 4, Fernandez 2.

Shakir Realty 73 – Surima 21, Canoy 20, Moises 11, Paraiso 9, Guirey 5, Sevila 4.1

Scoring by quarters: 17-12, 28-28, 63-53, 101-73.

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required to do two laps of the same course (about 1,800m)

SCS' Haruya Eda posted the fastest time in the longer course after reaching the finish line at the 13:36 mark. He also ruled the boys U12 division beating six other schoolmates. Ken Song, who was neck-and-neack with Eda in the first lap, settled for second after logging 13:35. Isaac Jang came in at third with a time of 15:45, followed by Yun Ryo Jeon (15:54), Rovin Bacani (18:17), Maruf Mamun (19:10) and Shane Xienan (21:23).

In the girls U12, Mami Sakano clocked in at 15:59 to beat fellow SCS student Judy Kim (22:10) and register the sixth fastest time in the two-lap race.

In the U10 division, Lennosuke Suzuki was the fastest after recording 14:01. He made it to the finished line more than four minutes ahead of runner-up and SCS schoolmate Seung Jin Park, who tallied 18:05. Completing the U10 finishers were Vincent Bacani (22:14), Miku Torres (22:23), Derrick Seo (23:05), John Hong (18:57), Moon Zeng (20:45), Hyeong Bin Jeong (19:07), and Andrew Kim (19:17), who are all from SCS.

Meanwhile, the race for U14 and U18 runners was the last of the day and also the longest at about 3,000m with students going to as far as the Army Reserves area of the AMP and doing two laps of the course. Results of the final race of the weekend will be reported in *Saipan Tribune* later this week, along with NMAs announcement about the date and venue for the All Schools Cross Country Championships. Only those who joined at least one of the three legs of the series are qualified to participate in the championships.

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Association turned over letters of intent for the Micro Games. Tony Rogolifoi, who is an official of both the Saipan Baseball League, Inc. and Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands, did not submit letters during the September meeting, but disclosed that BANMI and SBLI are planning to send teams to Pohnpei. Northern Marianas Athletics missed the meeting, but submitted the letter of intent the following day.

Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association also expressed its interest in competing in the Micro Games, but the letter of intent was for beach volleyball, which was not included in the schedule of events the organizers released last weekend.

Pohnpei won the hosting rights of the quadrennial event in 2010 during the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau. The CNMI collected 44 gold medals, 23 silver, and 25 bronze in Palau to finish second behind the host in the medal standings and get its most gold medals since the first staging of the Micro Games in 1969.

The Week in Sports

Local tournaments return to action

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With the weather getting better last week, various tournaments on Saipan pushed through.

The Pacific Islands Club hosted the Bike for Like 50K with youth biker Erico Castro leading the winners list. Castro topped the road bike category after clocking in at 1:54:59 and beating Jerome Diyco (1:55:01.06) and Butch Sublemente (1:55:01.37). In the women's road bike category, Athena Andrews (2:11:03) defeated Zai Lijuan and Yurie Lorangz, who recorded 2:33:30 and 2:57:49, respectively, while in the MTB division, Nap Dizon (1:55:01.37) won over Dencio Bautista (1:55:01.68) and Ricky Suba (1:59:24).

In the NMIFA fall league, MP United downed Tan Holdings FC, 4-1, in the boys U18 division game last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, Paire notched a 1-0 victory over Tan Holdings FC in the girls U15 division match.

In the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League at the outdoor Gualo Rai Basketball Court, Island Floral managed to complete its game against Maplas and pulled off a 67-60 victory.

In the indoor Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium for the UFO Masters caging, Blue Haus won the battle of undefeated teams after routing Degree, 112-83, while AXE Proa and I Love Ladder Beach also kept their unbeaten records in the Open division.

Still in basketball, Marianas High School also remained clean in the MISO girls varsity caging after outclassing Mt. Carmel School in overtime.

In the MISO boys volleyball league, Saipan International School also retained its unblemished record, while Grace Christian Academy kept the No. 2 spot.

In badminton, the Tan Holdings Open 2013 wrapped up the opening week of its doubles competition with youth players dominating the contest and advancing to the semis and finals.

In athletics, Northern Marianas Athletics held the second leg of its All Schools Cross County Series at the Civic Center in Susupe.

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Deether Edralin jumps for a return during his and J.P. Nopia's game against Chris Hilario and Aries Cordero in the opening week of the Tan Holdings Open 2013 at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Delta Air Lines and Tan Holdings employees pose for a photo during a donation turnover ceremony for the 5th Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic that will be held next month.

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A Saipan International School player goes up for a hit during their game against Marianas High School last Wednesday in the MISO boys volleyball league at the MHS Gymnasium last week.

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Lance Bartolome returns to Eydie and Ronnie Uy, while teammate Patrick Fernandez looks on during their doubles game in the Tan Holdings Open 2013 at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Paire's Joel Fruit kicks the ball quickly to avoid the defense of an MP United FC player during their game in the boys U15 division of the NMIFA fall league last week at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Blue Haus' Junar Guiab pulls up for a shot against two Degree defenders during the third quarter of their game in the UFO Budweiser Masters caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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AXE Proa's Joe Villacrusis looks to kick the ball out to a teammate after facing a tough defense from the Hoopaholics' Jerry Diaz, left, during the fourth quarter of their game in the UFO Budweiser Open caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Blue Haus nears sweep of first round

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Blue Haus moved a win away from sweeping the first round of the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Masters Division Basketball League after clobbering Shakir Realty, 101-73, last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex.

The division leader notched its fourth victory in as many games after dominating Shakir Realty (1-4) in the second half. Shakir Realty played with a depleted roster and after keeping up with Blue Haus in the first half, the former ran out of offensive options in the end, allowing the latter to cruise to the 28-point win.

After deadlock at the break, 28-all, Edgar Pangelinan, Edsel Mendoza, and Francis Rebuyon worked together in the third quarter to lift Blue Haus to a double-digit

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Blue Haus' Edsel Mendoza slices through the defense of Shakir Realty players during the second quarter of their game in the UFO Masters caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

2014 Micro Games schedule out

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Host Pohnpei has already released the schedule of competitions in the 2014 Micronesian Games.

Next year's Micro Games will feature 13 events and nine of them will be played one day right after the opening ceremonies set for July 19. Athletics, baseball, basketball, fast-pitch softball, spear-fishing, swimming, lawn tennis, indoor volleyball, and wrestling will have their first day of competition on July 20 at the various facilities in Pohnpei.

Canoe racing will kick off action on July 22 at Tekahtik Harbor, while weightlifting will begin the next day at the COM-FSM National Gymnasium. Table tennis and Micronesian All-Around will start their respective competitions on July 25 at the Tekahtik Harbor and COM-FSM National Gymnasium. The same gymnasium will also serve as the venue for basketball, while volleyball is set at the PNI State Gymnasium. Other venues for next year's competitions that will run until July 29 are the PICS Track and Field (opening ceremonies and athletics), Daini Ballfield (baseball), Spanish Wall (softball), PNI Swimming Pool (swimming) and PNI Tenis Courts (lawn tennis).

With less than a year before the Micro Games kicks off, Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association is calling all local federations to submit a letter specifying the names of their respective coaches and how training and selection of athletes will be conducted by December 1.

In NMASA's previous meeting, Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association, Northern Marianas Swimming Federation, and Northern Mariana Islands Kanu

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CNMI athletes wait for the start of the opening ceremonies of the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau in 2010.

NMA completes last leg of cross country series

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The last leg of the Northern Marianas Athletics' 2013 All School Cross Country Series was held last Saturday with over 60 students joining the race at the American Memorial Park.

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Runners in the U8 age group head to the course during last Saturday's third leg of the Northern Marianas Athletics' 2013 All School Cross Country Series held at the American Memorial Park.

The early morning event started with the U8 race and students doing one lap of the course (about 900m) from the parking lot near the Micro Beach pavilion and to the flag poles and back. Saipan Community School's Jinnosuke Suzuki topped the race with his time of 7:42. The next four finishers in the boys U8 were also from SCS with Kaito Rechucher coming in at second with a time of 7:48, followed by Daniel Kang (7:55), Kai Stone (8:08) and Shea Stone (9:35). Oleai Elementary School's Bwiilitomwar Rangamar rounded out the boys finishers after clocking in at 9:41.

In the girls U8, SCS' Hana Ojima led the pack after submitting 7:49. Joining her in the Top 3 were fellow SCS students Chloe Seo (8:37) and Cassidy Estrada (8:58). Other SCS finishers were Madina Tang (10:35), Aoi Braxton (11:02), Raven Anderson (10:59), Milan Bacani (10:28), and Maria Santos (11:07). Completing the list were Oleai's Kina Rangamar (9:41) and Garapan Elementary School's Sarapina Terry (11:07).

The next batch of runners to join the third leg were U10 and U12 students, who were

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